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FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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OF THE

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AND

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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Dear Sir,

In reply to your request for copies of our Annual Reports I beg to forward such as are now in print. I am sorry to say we have no spare copies of Nos. 1-14.

Yours sincerely,

F. Williamson

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FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

FREE LIBRARY & MUSEUM COMMITTEE,

For the Year ending September 29th, 1886.

THE Free Library and Museum Committee, in presenting their Annual Report, congratulate the Council on the steady increase in the popularity of the Institution.

After the recent large additions of new books, less has naturally been done in that direction during the past year, and your Committee's attention has been assiduously devoted to keeping the books already in the Library in a fit condition for use. The number of books bound and repaired has been abnormally large, amounting to a little over four thousand.

A very gratifying feature is the increased use made of the books in the Reference Library. The Library of Patents is also very largely consulted.

The number of visitors to the Institution was carefully counted in the first week of the month of April, and reached the large figure of 13214 for the week, an abundant proof of the usefulness of the Institution. If counted in the winter months the number would be considerably greater.

The attention of the Committee was specially drawn last winter to the great consumption of gas, as well as to the defective lighting of some parts of the Institution. A Sub-Committee was appointed to take the matter in hand, and on their recommendation one of Stott's Gas Governors was put up in February last, certain alterations were made in the lighting of the Library and basement, and the lighting of the reading rooms was entirely remodelled. The use of the governor has effected a great saving, and the whole of the building is now better lighted at less expense. The thanks of the Committee are due to the sub-committee of gentlemen who have so effectively dealt with this matter.

Reference should be made in this Report to the loss the Committee have sustained in the death of Mr. Edward Lott. Although failing health had for some time prevented his regular attendance at the meetings of the Committee, Mr. Lott's great services to the Institution at large, and especially to the Book Committee, cheerfully rendered for a long period of years, demand grateful recognition and record.

The Librarian's Annual Report to this Committee, containing the usual tabulated statements, and one or two others of additional interest, is appended; and in conclusion, the Committee have much satisfaction in stating that, to the best of their belief, the Institution as a whole is in thoroughly good working order.

On behalf of the Committee,

WILLIAM HOBSON,

CHAIRMAN.

Derby, Oct. 28th, 1886.

To the Chairman and Members of the Free Library and Museum Committee.

Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in submitting to you my first Annual Report, which deals with the work done in the Institution since Sep. 29th, 1885.

As far as the Library is concerned, we have now 13256 books in the Lending Library, and 8184 in the Reference Department, as against 13020 and 7850 respectively last year. The total issue of books is 128,719, against 111,864 last year; and the average daily issue is 501, against 438, showing a steady improvement in all respects. 611 new books have been bought, and 112 worn out copies have been replaced by new ones, while 1180 books have been rebound, and 2835 books repaired. 1356 new borrowers have been added during the year, and only 63 cards have been cancelled, leaving the total number of borrowers at present on the books as 12,113, more than one-eighth of the inhabitants of the borough. On the whole the books are very well used, and very few cases are met with of carelessness, and still fewer of wilful misusage. The privilege of having such a valuable Institution in their midst seems to be fully appreciated by the inhabitants. My personal work in connection with the Library has consisted in making myself conversant with the method of issuing books and registering the issues, superintending the

quarterly Stock takings, and the preparation of a supplementary catalogue of about 2900 books, which was very much wanted, the last being issued in July, 1883. The Library is, and has been during the year, in thoroughly good working order.

In the Museum, my work has been the re-arrangement of the birds, the collection of the late Rev. E. Jebb, kindly presented to the Institution by his widow, being now incorporated with the rest. The whole collection will shortly be re-labelled. A portion of the fine collection of shells has also been re-arranged and re-mounted, and will shortly be completed. My great want with regard to Museum work is time; the work has to be done in the intervals of my other duties, but though much remains to be done, I hope shortly to be able to report the Museum in as satisfactory a condition as the Library.

The Newsrooms are not the least popular part of the Institution. In the evenings, and on wet days especially, every newspaper and magazine has its reader, and crowded as the rooms frequently are by all classes, I have never had throughout the year serious cause of complaint respecting the conduct of those who are frequenters. Since August 1st the news rooms have experimentally been closed at half-past nine o'clock instead of ten.

My report would be incomplete did I not speak of the highly satisfactory way in which the assistants do their work. I believe that the whole of the staff are animated with a desire for the efficient working and success of the Institution, and co-operate zealously to that end.

I append to this report the usual tables, and two additional ones, Nos. VI., VII., which will be of interest.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
W. CROWTHER,
Librarian and Curator.

REPORT

OF THE

CORPORATION ART GALLERY COMMITTEE

For the Year ending September 29th, 1886.

THE Art Gallery Committee, in presenting their Annual Report, are glad to be able to state that the public appreciation of the Gallery shows no diminution. The rooms have been open during the past year 283 days. On the 235 days on which visitors were admitted by payment 16906 entered, while 12120 passed the turnstiles on the 48 free days, making the total number of visitors 28326. The weekly free day has been imposed on the Committee by the authorities at South Kensington, who make it a condition wherever they grant loans of art objects, that on at least one day in the week they shall be open to all without fee. This regulation, in the opinion of the Committee a very wise one, and the large extent to which the inhabitants avail themselves of it, seem to point out clearly the way in which this and kindred institutions may become most popular and most useful, and your Committee would be very glad if financial considerations permitted the extension of the privilege of free admission.

The Committee regret very much that they have to come to the Council for a somewhat larger sum this year, but the reasons are not far to seek. Extensive repairs to the roof have had to be undertaken, and various new fittings have been supplied, which have increased the Fittings and Repairs Account some £50; the defalcations of the late Curator were about £35, and the revenue, owing partly to the introduction of the weekly free day, and partly to the decrease in the picture sales, which is undoubtedly owing to the depression in trade, shows a diminution of £26. The Committee believe that the year just commenced will show some important reductions in expenditure, and they think that with careful management and better times, that next year's balance sheet will show considerable improvement. They cannot hold out any hope of the Art Gallery becoming self supporting, but they think that the comparatively small sums which may from time to time be required

will be spent in fostering good taste and a love of the beautiful among the inhabitants of the town, as well as giving valuable help to those of its manufactures in which Art plays a part.

The last Autumn Exhibition consisted of a large and varied collection of works by modern artists in oil and water colours. It was open from September to February, and was attended by 9067 persons.

The Spring Exhibition afforded an opportunity of carrying out an idea before mooted, that of an Exhibition of Photographs. The Committee offered silver and bronze medals, and some of the best photographic artists of the country competed. The Exhibition was very popular, and may with advantage be repeated at some future time. In addition to the Photographs, there was an Exhibition of Paintings by local artists, and T. Battersby, Esq., of Derby, lent 65 pictures from his fine collection, and valuable pictures were also lent by W. Lockwood, Esq., of Nottingham, and by an esteemed member of our Committee, R. Keene, Esq., to all of whom the best thanks of the Committee are due.

On the Saturday evenings between Christmas and Easter the Curator gave a series of Promenade Concerts, which were well attended, were much appreciated, and proved a not inconsiderable source of income. The Spring Exhibition closed early in August, and was visited by 16426 persons.

Through the influence of F. Seymour Haden, Esq., the President of the Society of Painter-Etchers, that Society decided to hold its Annual Exhibition for the year 1886 in our Gallery. A very interesting Exhibition was opened on September 1st, and has already been attended by 2833 visitors. The thanks of the Committee are specially due to Mr. Haden for his intervention on behalf of the town with which he is so much connected by family ties and old associations. The Committee are glad to announce that Mr. Haden has promised at some future time to present to the Art Gallery a complete set of his own works, a most handsome gift, the value of which it will be difficult to over estimate, proving, as it does, that there will be no lack of similar gifts when it becomes known that there is a suitable depository for them.

Five of the cases in the Lower Gallery have been filled during the year by loan objects from South Kensington Museum. These objects will shortly be exchanged for others. The Committee gratefully acknowledge the ready assistance in their work they have at all times received from the Museum authorities. The Art Gallery is also indebted to many others for loans of interesting exhibits. Among these are Messrs. Doulton and Co., of Lambeth, Messrs. Tooth and Ault, of Bretby, and Messrs. Calvert and Lovatt, of Langley, for Art Pottery; J. A. Jacoby, Esq., M.P., for his collection of Antique Silver; Alfred Swingler, Esq. for a collection of Oriental Curiosities;

the Derby Crown Porcelain Co. and Mr. S. Hancock for their collections of Derby China; the Rev. Canon Olivier for two exquisite Panels by Tinworth; and T. Battersby, Esq. for valuable Bronzes and Oriental China.

The Committee desire to acknowledge here a valuable gift by Mr. Thomas Austin, of Derby, in the shape of a perfect specimen of the famous vase known as the King's Vase, made at the Derby China Works in 1832.

It only remains to be said that on the close of the Painter-Etchers' Exhibition it will be immediately succeeded by the customary Autumn Exhibition, for which some very interesting pictures have been promised.

On behalf of the Committee,

W. BEMROSE,

CHAIRMAN.

TABLE I.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	1 No. of Books in Library, September, 1885.	2 Books Lost and Paid for.	3 Books Totally Lost.	4 Books Withdrawn as worn out.	5 Total.	Stock Reduced as per Column 5.	No. of Books Replaced.	No. of New Books.	Present Library Stock, 1886.	Total Increase in each Class.
Arts and Sciences	1028	...	2	...	2	1026	2	48	1076	48
Law and Politics	165	...	...	...	...	165	...	7	172	7
Natural History	317	...	1	...	2	315	1	1	317	...
Poetry and Drama	462	...	...	...	...	462	...	3	465	3
Theology and Philosophy	722	...	...	...	...	722	1	10	733	11
Light Literature	4663	11	2	137	149	4514	104	94	4712	49
History, Travels and Biography ...	4553	...	...	...	...	4553	3	56	4612	59
Miscellaneous	1110	...	...	...	...	1110	1	58	1169	59
Totals	13020	11	5	137	153	12867	112	277	13256	236

TABLE II.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

SHOWING THE MONTHLY ISSUE IN EACH CLASS, THE NUMBER OF DAYS THE LIBRARY WAS OPEN, THE TOTAL VOLUMES ISSUED, AND THE DAILY AVERAGE.

Month.	No. of Days Open.	Science and Art.	Politics and Commerce.	Natural History.	Theology and Philosophy.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, and Travels.	Miscellaneous.	Total.	Daily Average of Volumes.
1885.											
October	24	304	22	81	87	82	9324	1620	436	11956	498
November	23	236	18	72	78	98	8983	1544	437	11466	498
December	22½	242	21	78	67	89	8177	1176	442	10292	457
1886.											
January	21½	302	28	82	70	101	9506	1238	534	11861	551
February	22	303	27	191	107	91	10084	1401	519	12723	578
March	22	271	29	288	112	127	9916	1298	566	12607	573
April	22	260	22	255	101	108	9954	1122	582	12404	563
May	24	235	10	125	63	81	9643	1032	479	11668	486
June	15	123	5	73	24	35	5138	547	208	6153	410
July	16½	129	16	60	35	82	5671	505	260	6758	409
August	23	193	18	101	59	72	8969	823	327	10562	459
September	21	217	25	116	72	83	8511	867	378	10269	489
	256½	2815	241	1522	875	1049	103876	13173	5168	128719	501

The Annual average "turn over" of each Volume for the year is 9.71.

TABLE III.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	No. of Vols. in Library September, 1885.	Additions during the year.	Present Library Stock, 1886.
Arts and Sciences	1482	62	1544
Law and Politics	174	32	206
Natural History	442	7	449
Poetry and Drama	134	7	141
Theology and Philosophy	247	5	252
Light Literature	53	10	63
History, Travels, Biography, &c.	1362	33	1395
Miscellaneous	1012	94	1106
Devonshire Library	1158	2	1160
Patent Library	1786	82	1868
Totals	7850	334	8184

Pamphlets not included in the above.

TABLE IV.

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1885.														
October ...	27	569	14	246	62	53	119	459	643	45	...	...	2210	81
November ...	25	578	23	153	92	53	175	437	653	74	...	...	2238	89
December ...	24½	459	19	79	46	37	306	403	492	153	...	...	1994	81
1886.														
January ...	26	578	17	125	34	42	269	454	834	82	...	...	2435	93
February ...	24	475	15	103	42	54	127	434	789	29	...	...	2068	86
March ...	24	430	15	122	37	44	210	351	854	38	...	...	2101	87
April ...	24	569	3	98	29	26	115	204	587	245	...	...	1876	78
May ...	26	404	1	91	33	31	59	191	406	82	...	...	1298	49
June ...	20	296	1	34	26	28	64	129	268	38	...	...	884	44
July ...	18	255	5	41	31	25	46	190	330	...	...	...	923	51
August ...	25	396	7	74	35	28	64	260	505	132	...	...	1501	60
September ...	22½	483	8	82	58	30	90	341	705	92	...	2	1891	84
Total	286	5492	128	1248	525	451	1644	3853	7066	1010	...	2	21419	74

TABLE V.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Month.	No. of New Borrowers.		No. of Cards Cancelled.	No. of Overdue Books written for.	No. of Books Rebound.	No. of Books Repaired.	No. of Books Numbered.
	Males.	Females.					
1885.							
October	123	44	4	79	828	308	640
November	114	37	8	59	...	...	...
December	81	26	3	75	...	387	144
1886.							
January	114	37	4	60	...	...	...
February	106	46	9	89	...	384	47
March	94	29	3	85	...	385	113
April	65	27	2	89	...	...	...
May	66	27	7	79	...	455	...
June	45	13	6	131	...	276	...
July	50	28	5	...	202	486	...
August	74	26	4	37	150	154	12
September	62	22	8	68	...	...	101
Totals ...	994	362	63	851	1180	2835	1057

Total No. of Borrowers on Register ... ... 12,113.

TABLE VI.

Occupations of the last thousand of the New Borrowers.

Agents and Collectors...	13
Apprentices and Shop Assistants ...	68
Architects and Surveyors	1
Artists and Draughtsmen	15
Author	1
Barmaids	2
Bakers and Confectioners	4
Boiler Makers	3
Bookbinders, Printers, and Compositors	27
Boot and Shoe Makers	4
Brass Finishers...	3
Bricklayers and Masons	11
Brush Makers	2
Builders, Cabinet Makers, Carpenters and Joiners	21
Butchers...	4
Carvers and Gilders	4
Carriage Builders	6
Chemists and Druggists	4
Chiropodist	1
Clergymen and Ministers	5
Clerks and Bookkeepers	63
Coal Merchant...	1
Colour Manufacturer	1
Commercial Travellers	4
Domestic Servants	11
Drapers...	11
Dyers	2
Engineers, Smiths, Fitters, Moulders, &c....	100
Errand and Office Boys	46
Factory Hands...	30
Farmers...	2
Footmen, Grooms, &c.	6
Gardeners and Greengrocers	4
Grocers and Provision Dealers ...	11
Hair Dresser	1
Hardware Dealer	1
Housekeepers	10
Inland Revenue Officers	3
Inspectors	4
Jeweller	1
Journalist	1
Labourers	38
Lamplighter	1
Maltster...	1
Medical Practitioners	5
Manufacturers	3
Musicians	5
Milliners and Dressmakers	27
Naturalist	1
Opticians	2
Painters, Plumbers, Paper Hangers, &c.	18
Policemen	2
Publicans, &c....	2
Railway Employes	20
Scholars and Students	138
Skinners	2
Soldiers...	2
Solicitors	2
Storekeepers	3
Surgical Bandage Makers	3
Tailors, Hosiers, &c.	16
Teachers and Pupil Teachers ...	49
Telegraphists	5
Turners...	8
Upholsterers	11
Watchmaker	1
No Occupation	123
	1000

TABLE VII.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

COMPARATIVE RETURNS.

	1885.	1886.
Lending Library Replacements	495	112
New Books	1561	277
Total Books	13020	13256
„ Issues	111864	128719
Average Daily Issue	438	501
Turnover of each Volume	8.5	9.71
Reference Library.		
New Books	1131	334
Total Books	7850	8184
„ Issues	17060	21419
Average Daily Issue	60	74
New Borrowers	1217	1356
Total Borrowers	10820	12113
Cards Cancelled	55	63
Overdue Books written for	1079	851
Books Rebound	963	1180
„ Repaired	307	2835
„ Numbered	1207	1057

Donations to the Library.

Abell and Imray, Messrs. ...	Patents, Designs, and Trademarks.
Alleyne, Sir John	Back Numbers of "Nature" and "Engineering."
Anonymous	Revelations of Christ Expounded, 2 vols.
Blake, W. F.	Congreve's International Policy.
Bemrose, Wm. (Author) ...	Life and Works of Wright of Derby.
Belper, Lord	Municipal Corporations and Boundary Reports, 15 vols.; Excise Enquiry, 6 vols.; The Athenæum (1864-59), 18 vols.; Quarterly Journal of Science (1864-71), 8 vols.; National Review (1855-64), 18 vols.; Health of Towns Commissions (Report), 4 vols.; General Report of Sanitary Condition of Gt. Britain; British Association Transactions (1866-79), 14 vols.
Bernays, Albt. J., Ph. D., F.C.S.	Notes on Analytical Chemistry.
Booth, Charles	Occupations of the People of Great Britain and Ireland.
Commissioners of Patents ...	82 vols. of Specifications.
Council of Colonial Institute	Vol. XIII. Reports of Proceedings of the Royal Colonial Institute.
Doherty, Hugh, M.D. (Author)	Philosophy of History and Social Evolution; L'Homme et la Nature.
Foster, Wm. (Author)	Universal Book-keeping, 2 copies.
Gustafson, Axel, per Mr. W. Hall	Foundation of Death, 3 copies.
Hall, Thos.	British Almanac and Companion, 33 vols.
Harcourt, Sir Wm. V. ...	72 Blue Books and 47 Hansards.
Hibbert, Alderman	A New Tract for the Times.
Hill, The Misses	What we saw in Australia, 2 copies.
,, ...	Life of M. Davenport Hill.
Hodges, Figgis & Co., Messrs.	Dublin University Calendar, 1886.
,, ,, ...	,, Examination Papers, 1885.
Hutchinson, Henry	Lives of Schiller and Sterling; Latter Day Pamphlets; French Revolution, 3 vols.; Miscellanies, 4 vols.; Chartism; Heroes and Hero Worship; Zoology for Students; Chronicle of the Cid; Honor; Life of Jean Paul F. Richter; The Goldmaker's Village; Letters and Essays of Schiller; Hare on Representation; Huxley's Selected Essays; Manchester Science Lectures, 1866 and 1867; Beeton's Modern European Celebrities; Wallace on Vaccination; Duplex on Matter; Jean Paul Richter: Laveleye on Primitive Property; American Humour; American Poems; Lewes' History of Philosophy, 2 vols.; Flower, Fruit, and Thorn Pieces; Thomas Carlyle; New Ireland; Balaustion's Adventure; Great Expectations, 3 vols.; Goethe's Wilhelm Meister, 3 vols.; Goethe's Faustus; Goethe's Life and Works, 2 vols.; German Romance, 4 vols.; Freedom of Faith; System of Land Tenure; Tennyson's Works; Technical Educator, 2 vols.; History of American Socialism; Wordsworth's Poetical Works; Burns' Poems and Songs; Peregrinus Proteus; Discovery of America, 2 vols.

MAY, WALTER W.	Shipping and Craft.
MORRIS, J. S. (Proprietor)	Business Directory for 1886.
REGISTRAR, THE	The Durham University Calendar.
SCRATCHLEY, ARTHUR, M.A. ...	Treatise on Friendly Societies.
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA	Sacred Books of the East, vols. 26, 27, 28.
SMYTH, G. PIAZZI (Author) ...	New Measures of the Great Pyramid : Venus Transit and Sun Distance.
SPEARS, REV. R.	Complete Works of W. E. Channing, D.D.
STOCK, ELIOT	"What I believe" (Tolstoi.)
TRUSTEES OF BRITISH MUSEUM ...	Reproductions of Prints, New Series (Part I.) Early Italian ; Catalogue of Printed Maps, Plans, and Charts in B.M. ; Catalogue of Books in the Galleries of the B.M. Reading Room ; Catalogue of Indian Coins (Greek and Scythic Kings) ; Lepidoptera, &c., in B. M., vol. VI. ; Catalogue of Fossil Mammalia, Part III. ; Catalogue of Birds, vol. XI. ; Introduction to Study of Meteorites ; 27 Nos. of B. M. Gen. Cat.
WISE, DR.	History of Paganism in Caledonia.
YEATMAN, JOHN PYM	Domesday Book of the County of Derby.

Donations to the Museum.

BEMROSE, WM.	Indian Wild Cock and Common Green Parrot.
BROWNSON, MR.	Specimen of Ore from South Africa.
CARTER, F. S.	Frigate Bird.
DIRECTORS MIDLAND RAILWAY COMPANY, per Mr. J. S. Gratton	Collection of Bones and Tooth (Elephas Primigenius) dug up at Helpstone.
EMBERY, A.	Specimen of "Productus" from Bonsall.
LAMB, MR. GEO., Ilkeston... ...	Two Cream Coloured Moles.
MANAGERS OF ECTON MINES, per Mr. Ald. Longdon	Large Specimens of Crystals with Copper and other Ores.
PULLEN, GEO.	Large Whelk.
SHUTE, F.	Specimens of Early Pottery dug up at Derby.

Derby Free

Abstract of the Accounts, for the

Dr.

REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS

	£	s.	d.
To Joiner's, Plumber's, Gas Fitter's, and Builder's Work ...	51	7	0
,, Painting, &c., Librarian's House	15	3	7
,, Refixing and Repairing Museum Gates	8	10	0
,, Repairs to Electric Bells	1	8	6
,, Locksmith's Work	7	0	11
,, Painting, &c., Porter's Lodge...	5	5	0
,, Upholsterer's Work	7	4	10
,, Gas Governor	15	0	0
,, New Chandeliers in Corridor...	13	7	7
,, Heating Apparatus in Lending Library	5	10	0
,, Repairs to ditto in Museum	5	4	8
	£135	2	1

SALARIES AND

To W. Crowther, Chief Librarian and Curator	170	0	0
,, Henry Allpass ,, ,, 1 month	16	13	4
,, Charles Courtney, Assistant Ditto, 1 year	78	0	0
,, J. A. Miller ,, ,, ,, ...	65	0	0
,, Arthur Bates ,, ,, ,, ...	19	6	0
,, George Moore ,, ,, ,, ...	18	4	0
,, Gratuities to Officials, extra work, 3 months...	30	0	0
,, H. M. Haywood, Committee Clerk, 1 year	40	0	0
,, Porter's Wages and Assistant Cleaners	64	9	11
	£501	13	3

LIBRARY

To New Books	60	15	8
,, Binding, Numbering, and Repairing Books	141	4	4½
,, Leather and Binding Materials	8	17	9
,, Palæontographical Society Reports	1	1	0
,, Printing Tickets and Forms...	18	4	6
,, Supplementary Catalogue	25	8	6
,, "Lismore Papers"	6	14	9
	£262	6	6½

Library, &c.

Year ending September, 29th, 1886.

TO PREMISES ACCOUNT. **Cr.**

	£	s.	d.
By Free Library Rate Account	135	2	1
	£135	2	1

WAGES ACCOUNT.

By Free Library Rate Account	501	13	3
	£501	13	3

ACCOUNT.

By Sale of Catalogues	7	7	10
„ Fines upon Readers for Detention of Books	37	6	0
„ Fees for New Tickets and Post Cards	6	13	1
„ Lost and Damaged Books	2	3	4
„ Free Library Rate Account	208	16	3½
	£262	6	6½

Dr.

READING AND NEWS

	£	s.	d.
To Magazines and Periodicals	30	16	1
„ Newspapers, Illustrated Papers, &c.	54	10	11
	£85	7	0

MUSEUM

To New Sculpture and Carriage of same	25	7	4
„ Cases	90	0	0
„ Taxidermist's Work	27	6	6
„ Pedestals and Joiner's Work	6	8	4
	£149	2	2

FREE LIBRARY

To Balance brought forward (being amount borrowed for the formation of the old Institution and owing as a Loan)	500	0	0
	£500	0	0

DERBY

To Free Library Rate at One Farthing in the £, one Quarter to 25th December, 1885...	353	0	0
„ Ditto, Quarter ending 25th March, 1886	353	0	0
„ Ditto, Quarter ending 24th June, 1886	353	0	0
„ Ditto, Quarter ending 29th September, 1886	353	0	0
	£1412	0	0

ESTABLISHMENT

To Gas	116	2	2
„ Water	13	17	5
„ Coal	39	2	10
„ Fire Insurance	26	0	0
„ Ironmongery	5	4	1
„ Reward	2	0	0
„ Petty Cash Payments by Librarian	24	11	7½
„ Printing Annual Reports	5	18	0
„ Various Printing and Stationery	31	2	10
„ Iron Safe	8	10	0
„ Fire Hose and Buckets	6	16	0
„ Winding Clock	3	0	0
„ Cleaning Windows	6	19	4
„ New Clock	2	10	0
„ Matting and Scouring Flannel	4	16	7
„ Miscellaneous Expenses	5	2	6
„ Interest and Commission charged by Banker	3	17	0
„ Clothing for Porter	7	12	0
	£313	2	4½

ROOMS ACCOUNT.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Sale of Old Newspapers, &c.	4	8	6
„ Free Library Rate Account	80	18	6
	£85	7	0

ACCOUNT.

By Old Cases Sold	0	9	9
„ Free Library Rate Account	148	12	5
	£149	2	2

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

By Balance carried forward	500	0	0
	£500	0	0

CORPORATION.

By Treasurer, Free Library Rate, granted November 9th, 1885	353	0	0
„ Ditto, granted February 3rd, 1886	353	0	0
„ Ditto, granted May 5th, 1886	353	0	0
„ Ditto, granted August 4th, 1886	353	0	0
	£1412	0	0

ACCOUNT.

By Derby Mechanics' Institute, Acknowledgment for Encroachment	0	1	0
„ Archæological Society, amount repaid for Carriage ...	0	12	6
„ Free Library Rate Account	312	8	10½
	£313	2	4½

Dr.

LOAN

	£	s.	d.
To Interest on Loan of £500, less Tax, one year to 29th September, 1886	21	15	4
„ Balance carried forward, being Loan owing	500	0	0
	£521	15	4

RATE

To Repairs and Alterations to Premises	135	2	1
„ Salaries and Wages	501	13	3
„ Library	208	16	3½
„ Reading and News Rooms	80	18	6
„ Museum	148	12	5
„ Establishment Expenses	312	8	10½
„ Loan (Interest)	21	15	4
„ Balance	27	1	4
	£1436	8	1

BALANCE

To Treasurer	27	1	4
„ Free Library and Museum Capital Account	500	0	0
	£527	1	4

ACCOUNT. **Cr.**

	£	s.	d.
By Balance brought forward, being Loan advanced by John Payne	500	0	0
„ Free Library Rate Account	21	15	4
	£521	15	4

ACCOUNT.

By Balance brought forward	23	14	5
„ Wages Account	0	13	8
„ Quarterly Rates granted by the Derby Town Council ...	1412	0	0
	£1436	8	1

SHEET.

By Free Library and Museum	27	1	4
„ Payne John, Loan Account	500	0	0
	£527	1	4

H. M. HAYWOOD, Clerk.

We have examined the several Accounts of which the foregoing is the Balance Sheet, and have compared the items Credited in the Treasurer's Account with the Vouchers, and found them to correspond, and hereby certify that the Balance of £27 1s. 4d. on the Treasurer's Account agrees with the amount appearing by the Treasurer's own book to be due from him at 29th September, 1886.

WATSON, SOWTER & Co., Auditors appointed by the Corporation.

BENJAMIN BRINDLEY, JAMES HARWOOD, } Auditors appointed by the Burgesses.

GEO. LEECH, Auditor appointed by the Mayor.

Dated this 30th day of October, 1886.

Derby Corporation

Abstract of the Accounts for the

Dr.

WAGES

	£	s.	d.
To Wages to Attendant at Turnstile and Charwoman... ...	75	17	0
	£75	17	0

FITTINGS AND

To New Screens and Table	7	17	5
„ New Baize	2	8	1
„ Joiner's Work	6	12	5
„ Plumber's Work	1	16	4
„ Painter's Work	2	10	0
„ Repairing Boiler	2	10	6
„ Re-gilding Pictures	1	12	0
„ Locksmith's Work	0	7	9
„ Repairing Roof	35	0	0
	£60	14	6

COLLECTION AND CARRIAGE OF

To Collection and Carriage of Pictures, &c., and obtaining Loans	142	9	3½
	£142	9	3½

ESTABLISHMENT

To Insurance	5	18	6
„ Gas	24	4	6
„ Coal	9	2	5
„ Ironmongery	2	8	8
„ Advertising	3	8	6
„ Printing, Stationery, and Posting	29	5	0
„ Printing Catalogues	23	12	6
„ Cleaning Windows	1	7	2
„ Petty Cash Payments by Curator	14	8	5½
„ Interest and Commission charged by Bankers	8	18	9
	£122	14	5½

MEDAL COMPETITION

To Medals and Cases for same	8	14	0
	£8	14	0

Art Gallery.

Year ending September 29th, 1886.

ACCOUNT.				Cr.
	£	s.	d.	
By Art Gallery Account	75	17	0	
	£75	17	0	

REPAIRS ACCOUNT.			
By Art Gallery Account	60	14	6
	£60	14	6

PICTURES AND LOANS ACCOUNT.			
By Art Gallery Account	142	9	3½
	£142	9	3½

ACCOUNT.			
By Advertisements in Catalogues	15	5	0
„ Art Gallery Account	107	9	5½
	£122	14	5½

ACCOUNT.			
By Art Gallery Account	8	14	0
	£8	14	0

Dr. **ART GALLERY**

	£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward	197	14	1
„ Wages...	75	17	0
„ Fittings and Repairs	60	14	6
„ Collection and Carriage of Pictures, &c.	142	9	3½
„ Establishment	107	9	5½
„ Medal Competition	8	14	0
„ Receipts not accounted for by late Curator...	25	6	3½
	£618	4	7½

BALANCE

To Art Gallery Account (Deficiency)	303	6	7
„ Balance in Curator's hands	3	5	3
	£306	11	10

REVENUE ACCOUNT. **Cr.**

				£	s.	d.
By Derby Corporation, Amount owing to Banker at 29th September, 1885				197	14	1
,, **AUTUMN EXHIBITION, 1885-6.**						
Receipts at Turnstile	27	9	6			
Catalogues Sold...	2	6	4			
Umbrella, &c., Stand	1	15	11½			
Commission on Pictures Sold	16	3	6			
				47	15	3
,, **SPRING EXHIBITION, 1886.**						
Receipts at Turnstile	54	15	0			
Catalogues Sold...	5	12	11			
Umbrella, &c., Stand	1	9	0			
Commission on Pictures Sold	0	15	3			
				62	12	2
,, **PAINTER-ETCHERS EXHIBITION, 1886.**						
Receipts at Turnstile (2 weeks) ...	6	5	1			
Catalogues Sold...	0	11	1			
Umbrella, &c., Stand	0	0	4			
				6	16	6
,, Balance (deficiency)				303	6	7
				£618	4	7½

SHEET.

By Treasurer (amount owing)	306	11	10
	£306	11	10

H. M. HAYWOOD, CLERK.

We have examined the several Accounts of which the foregoing is the Balance Sheet, and have compared the items Credited in the Treasurer's Account with the Vouchers, and found them to correspond, and hereby certify that the Balance of £306 11s. 10d. on the Treasurer's Account agrees with the amount appearing by the Treasurer's own book to be due to him at 29th September, 1886.

WATSON, SOWTER & Co., Auditors appointed by the Corporation.

BENJAMIN BRINDLEY, JAMES HARWOOD, } Auditors appointed by the Burgesses.

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Dated this 30th day of October, 1886.

PRESENTED
~~28 AUG 1916~~
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Library and Museum Committee.

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MR. ALDERMAN LONGDON, J.P.
,, ,, RUSSELL., J.P.
MR. COUNCILLOR BOTTOMLEY.
,, ,, CHOLERTON.
,, ,, FOULDS.
,, ,, GENTLES.
,, ,, WILLS.
,, ,, WINTER.

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,, S. COURT.
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Librarian and Curator.

MR. WILLIAM CROWTHER.

Clerk.

MR. H. M. HAYWOOD.

Assistant-Librarians.

MR. CHARLES COURTNEY.
ARTHUR BATES.
MISS J. A. MILLER.
GEORGE H. MOORE.

Art Gallery Attendant.

J. COURTNEY.

Porter.

GEORGE PULLEN.

Borough of Derby.

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE

FREE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE,

For the Year ending September 29th, 1887.

THE Free Library and Museum Committee in presenting their Sixteenth Annual Report, desire to congratulate the Council on the continued and increasing prosperity and utility of the Institution.

It will be seen that large additions have been made to the Lending Library during the year. To this Department a New Musical Section has been added, which at present contains copies of the best known oratorios and operas, books of standard songs, and copies of standard text books on musical subjects. This department is already proving useful, and no doubt will be extensively drawn upon as time goes on. The number of books bound and repaired during the year amounts to 4054. With the exception of the magazines and the book music, these have all been done on our own premises, by our own workmen.

Fewer additions have been made to the Reference Library, but both it and the Specifications of Patents continue to be very largely consulted, and the issues show a steady increase.

The alterations in the gas arrangements referred to in last year's Report continue to work satisfactorily, and the Committee note with pleasure the fact that the gas bill is lower by £21 than last year's, and by £25 than that of 1885. The reduction in

the establishment charges generally is most gratifying, and has enabled the Committee to deal with several important matters.

In the first place, the Committee have been enabled to repaint and clean thoroughly the news rooms and corridors. This, coupled with some necessary cleaning in the Curator's house has cost about £74. Next year they hope to be able to deal with the Museum in the same way. They have also long thought it desirable to reduce by degrees, and to pay off as soon as possible the £500 they have on loan. They have during the past year been able to set aside £100 towards a sinking fund for this purpose, and in the absence of unforeseen sources of expense, hope to do the same in succeeding years till the debt is discharged.

The Librarian's Annual Report to this Committee is appended hereto. It contains the usual statistics, to which all those interested in the inner working of the Institution are referred. The Committee believe that the Institution was never more flourishing, and that it is being worked in a thoroughly efficient manner, and at an economical rate.

On behalf of the Committee,

WILLIAM HOBSON,

CHAIRMAN.

OCTOBER 27th, 1887.

To the Chairman and Members of the Free Library and Museum Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

I have much pleasure in submitting to you my second Annual Report.

The past year has been a prosperous one as regards the Library. The stock in the Lending Library numbers 13,796 volumes, and that of the Reference Library 8376 volumes against 13,256 and 8184 last year, or an increase of 732 volumes. The total number of Books in the Library is therefore 22,172. The total issue has been in the Lending Library 131,641, and in the Reference Library 28,070, a net increase on last year's issues of 9573 volumes. The increase in the number of works read is greater than is apparent from these figures, as the old books in three volumes are being

gradually withdrawn, and are being replaced by single volume editions. Three books have been lost and paid for, and three have been totally lost through default of borrower and guarantor. The number of books rebound has been 850, and books repaired 3204, a total of 4054, while 58 books have been withdrawn as worn out. These have been replaced by new ones where the Book Committee thought it desirable. I have again to report with much pleasure that the books as a whole are very well used, and very few cases of either careless or wilful damage have come under my notice during the past year. The Library is now in good working order, and the Books in a good state of repair.

You will notice a considerable discrepancy between the total number of borrowers given in last year's report and the present one. It has been the practice to retain on the list of borrowers all who have not formally surrendered their tickets, and it came frequently under my notice that tickets were used by others than those to whom they were originally issued. Acting under your directions, I gave notice to all who entered the Library before January 1st, 1885, that their guarantees must be renewed. As the result of this, we find that only about 1300 of the 10,314 borrowers concerned are at present using the Library. Adding this to the number of borrowers entered since the above date, and deducting the surrendered cards, I arrive at 4500 as the approximate number of tickets now in force, a number much more probable on the face of it than the high figures hitherto given. The new borrowers during the last year number 1267 against 1356 the previous year For the future, the guarantee will last three years, and notice will be given monthly to those whose time has expired. The number of borrowers since the opening of the Institution is now 13,706.

The Newsrooms are as much frequented as ever. Incidental countings taken by me from time to time prove that the number of visitors given in last year's returns was well within the mark. With few exceptions, the conduct of those attending the Newrooms is exemplary.

My work in the Museum has consisted in the completion of the re-arrangement of the shells, and a commencement of the fossils. About a thousand of the latter have been re-mounted and labelled, and I am indebted to Mr. J. W. Carr, B.A., of Nottingham, for most valuable help in naming them. The re-arrangement of the Mineral collection has been kindly undertaken by Mr. A. H. Stokes, and Mr. H. Arnold Bemrose, M.A. This has been a work involving much

labour and time, but it is now approaching completion, and the specimens will in the course of a few months, be properly arranged and labelled. I shall be very glad when I am able to report the Museum in as good order as the Library.

I am glad to again bear testimony to the zeal and industry of the staff. I have had no single case of complaint against any of them since I took charge, and all their duties are discharged cheerfully and willingly, and with due regard to the best interests of the Institution.

I append the usual tables, to which I beg to refer all who wish for detailed information, and beg to remain, gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

W. CROWTHER,

LIBRARIAN AND CURATOR.

OCTOBER, 27th, 1887.

REPORT

OF THE

CORPORATION ART GALLERY COMMITTEE.

For the Year ending September 29th, 1887.

THE Art Gallery Committee have much pleasure in presenting their Fifth Annual Report, and are glad to be able to state that the appreciation of the Gallery by the public is steadily on the increase. The Gallery has been open 264 days during the past year, of which 43 have been free. The attendance on the free days has been 14,673, or a daily average of 341; by payment 15,477; average, 70 daily, making a total of 30,150 visitors, against 28,326 last year. The Committee regard with pleasure the large attendance on the free days, and would be very glad if financial considerations permitted the extension of the privilege.

The Committee find much gratification in the fact that the deficiency in their funds is much less this year than last, amounting only to £195, against £303 in 1886, and this without the Institution having suffered at all either in interest or efficiency. Every care has been exercised in the management, and the Committee think that the Institution can scarcely be worked more cheaply, and that while present conditions are maintained, the above amount will represent about the average annual cost to the town in time to come. They are persuaded that the advantages to the town in possessing such an Institution in its midst, maintained at such a small cost, can scarcely be over rated.

The Autumn Exhibition last year extended from November 6th to February 19th, and was attended by 10,160 visitors. There was a successful Art Union in connection with it, and the picture sales were about normal.

The Spring Exhibition consisted of pictures by Local Artists, and a loan collection. For the latter the Committee are indebted to Mr. H. H. Bemrose, and Mr. W. Naylor, who kindly lent a large portion of the pictures from the collection of the late Mrs. Walters, also to Messrs. Bemrose and Sons; and to Mr. E. Wilson. The Exhibition was open from March 5th to June 4th, and was visited by 8241 visitors.

The Photographic Exhibition in the Summer of 1886 was so much appreciated, that this year another was held which was open from June 20th to August 23rd, and was visited by 7554 persons. The Committee were indebted to the Borough Members, Sir W. V. Harconrt, and Mr. Roe, for the offer of a Gold Medal for competition, and also to Mr. R. Keene for the offer of a Silver Medal for the best photograph by a member of the Derby Photographic Society. These were given in addition to the usual silver and bronze medals. Some of the best photographic artists in the kingdom exhibited, and the Exhibition was very popular with the public.

The Autumn Exhibition now being held was opened on September 7th, and is being extensively visited. It is admitted on all hands to be one of the best ever held in the Gallery, and the visitors average about a thousand weekly.

During last Winter, a series of twenty Popular Concerts was arranged by the Curator for Saturday evenings. These concerts were attended by 3876 persons, and produced a net profit of £37 9s. The best thanks of the Committee are due to the Curator and to those ladies and gentlemen who kindly gave their services as vocalists and instrumentalists.

The Upper Gallery has been painted and re-coloured, and boarded round to the height of eight feet, which greatly facilitates the work of picture hanging, and the lower gallery has been thoroughly cleaned and re-coloured. Snow boards have been fixed to the roof, and the whole of the building is now in thorough repair.

Four cases only are now filled from South Kensington Museum, and the Committee are indebted to the following gentlemen for the loan of objects of art and interest for Exhibition. Messrs. Doulton and Co., Lambeth, for Art Pottery, Mr. J. A. Jacoby, M.P., for collection of early English Silver, Mr. W. H. Willett, of Brighton, for Burmese Curiosities, Mr. Councillor Battersby, for Bronzes and Antique China, Mr. H. H. Bemrose, for collection of Ancient Manuscripts and Printed Books, Mr. W. Bemrose, J.P., for a collection of Indian Metal Work, and Mr. Maw, of Tenant Street, for a collection of Old Derby China.

On behalf of the Committee,

WILLIAM BEMROSE,

CHAIRMAN.

OCTOBER 27th, 1887.

TABLE I.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	1 No. of Books in Library, September, 1886.	2 Books lost and Paid for.	3 Books Totally Lost.	4 Books Withdrawn as worn out.	5 Total.	Stock Reduced as per Column 5.	No. of Books Replaced.	No of New Books.	Present Library Stock 1887	Total Increase in each Class.
Arts and Sciences	1076	...	...	1	1	1075	...	275	1350	274
Law and Politics	172	...	...	...	...	172	...	5	177	5
Natural History	317	...	...	...	...	317	...	1	318	1
Poetry and Drama	465	...	...	1	1	464	1	1	466	1
Theology and Philosophy	733	...	...	...	...	733	...	1	734	1
Light Literature	4712	3	2	52	57	4655	48	139	4842	130
History, Travels, and Biography ...	4612	...	...	4	4	4608	5	61	4674	62
Miscellaneous	1169	...	1	...	1	1168	...	67	1235	66
Totals	13256	3	3	58	64	13196	54	550	13796	540

TABLE II.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

SHOWING THE MONTHLY ISSUE IN EACH CLASS, THE NUMBER OF DAYS THE LIBRARY WAS OPEN, THE TOTAL VOLUMES ISSUED, AND THE DAILY AVERAGE.

Month.	No. of Days Open.	Science and Art.	Politics and Commerce.	Natural History.	Theology and Philosophy.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, and Travels.	Miscellaneous.	Total.	Daily Average of Volumes.
1886.											
October	24	269	23	148	96	140	10804	1134	513	13127	547
November	24	276	40	247	112	124	10237	1171	558	12765	531
December	22½	230	18	121	55	97	8463	1007	617	10608	471
1887.											
January	21½	270	22	97	67	100	10126	1119	615	12416	577
February	22	298	22	99	83	125	10700	1116	604	13047	593
March	22½	335	22	105	110	103	11726	1276	679	14356	585
April	19½	225	10	36	96	67	10055	1029	652	12170	624
May	22	201	10	53	83	80	9449	797	504	11177	508
June	19	139	14	44	65	63	7452	635	411	8823	464
July	11	60	2	17	24	16	3399	216	164	3898	372
August	23½	170	10	39	55	65	7670	517	402	8928	381
September	24	251	16	48	68	69	8791	661	422	10326	430
	255½	2724	209	1054	914	1049	108872	10678	6141	131641	515

The Annual Average "turn over" of each volume for the year is 9.54.

TABLE III.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	No. of Vols. in Library September, 1886.	Additions during the year.	Present Library Stock, 1887.
Arts and Sciences	1544	50	1594
Law and Politics	206	...	206
Natural History	449	7	456
Poetry and Drama	141	3	144
Theology and Philosophy	252	...	252
Light Literature	63	...	63
History, Travels, Biography, &c.	1395	28	1423
Miscellaneous	1106	21	1127
Devonshire Library	1160	21	1181
Patent Library	1868	62	1930
Totals	8184	192	8376

Pamphlets not included in the above.

TABLE IV.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

SHOWING THE MONTHLY ISSUE IN EACH CLASS, THE NUMBER OF DAYS THE LIBRARY WAS OPEN, THE TOTAL VOLUMES ISSUED, AND THE DAILY AVERAGE.

Month.	No. of Days Open.	Science and Art.	Politics and Commerce.	Natural History.	Theology and Philosophy.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, and Travels.	Miscellaneous.	Patent Library.	Books for Blind.	Devonshire Library.	Total.	Daily Average of Volumes.
1886.														
October	26	1032	16	109	60	36	63	327	1529	75	...	1	3248	124
November ...	26	811	46	72	50	73	200	362	2367	84	...	...	4065	156
December ...	21½	528	3	34	52	26	117	318	1642	...	...	...	2720	111
1887.														
January	23	557	5	90	53	31	114	343	1848	71	...	...	3112	135
February	24	451	14	50	75	20	93	292	1528	55	...	...	2578	107
March	27	518	9	70	81	37	52	206	1176	75	...	...	2224	82
April	21	393	13	43	58	17	34	95	779	...	...	...	1432	68
May	24	308	1	35	21	24	38	151	767	19	...	...	1364	56
June..	24	286	4	35	41	12	23	143	756	10	...	4	1314	54
July	14	138	1	47	32	17	27	94	426	...	...	...	782	55
August.....	26	425	8	92	43	49	44	299	1527	7	...	...	2494	95
September ...	26	517	13	61	45	25	90	250	1684	52	...	...	2737	105
Total ...	282½	5964	133	738	611	367	895	2880	16029	448	...	5	28070	99

TABLE V.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Month.	No of New Borrowers.		No of Cards Cancelled.	No. of Overdue Books written for.	No. of Books Rebound.	No. of Books Repaired.
	Males.	Females.				
1886.						
October	124	26	3	68	...	306
November	108	40	4	73	247	93
December	67	18	12	99	...	216
1887.						
January	123	36	6	54	...	484
February	92	36	9	71	108	252
March	90	33	8	67	267	...
April	60	18	13	98	...	260
May	68	33	1	64	...	210
June	25	18	16	42	...	261
July	21	9	1	198	...	458
August	57	39	9	37	228	664
September	84	42	6	42	...	...
Totals ...	919	348	88	913	850	3204

Approximate Total No. of Borrowers Tickets now in force... ... 4500

TABLE VI.

OCCUPATIONS OF THE LAST THOUSAND OF THE NEW BORROWERS.

Artificial Limb Maker	1
Agents and Collectors	12
Apprentices & Shop Assistants	38
Architects and Surveyors . .	8
Artists and Draughtsmen ...	6
Bakers and Confectioners ...	7
Barmaids...	2
Basket Maker	1
Boiler Makers...	6
Bookbinders, Printers, and Compositors	22
Boot and Shoe Makers	8
Bricklayers and Masons... ...	10
Brush Makers...	1
Builders, Cabinet Makers, Carpenters and Joiners	22
Butchers	7
Carvers and Gilders	5
Carriage Builders	7
Chemists and Druggists... ...	1
Clergymen and Ministers ...	2
Clerks and Bookeepers... ...	79
Coal Merchant	1
Commercial Travellers	2
Dentists	2
Domestic Servants	16
Drapers	10
Dyers	3
Engineers, Smiths, Fitters, Moulders, &c.	79
Errand and Office Boys... ...	46
Factory Hands	43
Farmers	3
Footmen, Grooms, &c.	15
Gardeners and Greengrocers...	3
Grocers and Provision Dealers	11
Hair Dressers...	2
Hardware Dealers	2
Housekeepers...	10
Inland Revenue Officers ...	3
Inspectors	5
Jeweller	1
Journalists	2
Labourers	36
Medical Practioners	4
Manufacturers...	3
Musicians	5
Milliners and Dressmakers ...	34
Naturalist	1
Optician	1
Painters, Plumbers, Paper Hangers, &c....	20
Photographers...	3
Policemen	4
Postmen	7
Publicans and Brewers	2
Railway Employes	17
Saddler	1
Scholars and Students	113
Skinners	4
Soldiers	2
Solicitors...	2
Stewards	2
Storekeepers	11
Surgical Bandage Maker ...	1
Sweep	1
Tailors, Hosiers, &c.	17
Teachers and Pupil Teachers	28
Telegraphists	11
Turners	14
Watchmakers	4
No Occupation	148
	1000

TABLE VII.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

COMPARATIVE RETURNS.

	1886.	1887.
Lending Library Replacements	112	54
New Books	277	529
Total Books	13256	13775
„ Issues	128719	131641
Average Daily Issue	501	515
Turnover of each Volume	9·71	9·54
Reference Library.		
New Books	334	192
Total Books	8184	8376
„ Issues	21419	28070
Average Daily Issue	74	99
New Borrowers	1356	1267
Total Borrowers	12113	4500
Cards Cancelled	63	88
Overdue Books written for	851	913
Books Rebound	1180	850
„ Repaired	2835	3204

Donations to the Library.

ALLEYNE, LADY ... ... "Nature," November, 1885 to December, 1886; "Engineering," January to June, 1886; "Observatory," September, 1885, to December, 1886.

BARNES, MRS. ... ... Popes' Homers Iliad, 5 vols.; Gallery of British Artists, 18 parts.

BEMROSE, ARNOLD, M.A. ... ... Practical Magazine, 4 vols.; Greek Grammar, 2 vols.

BLAND, JOHN ... ... Chess Club Directory, 1880; Chess Players' Annual, 1882.

COLONIAL SECRETARY FOR VICTORIA Illustrated Book of Victoria.

COMMISSIONERS OF PATENTS ... Specifications of Patents, 60 vols. Subject matter and Alphabetical Indexes.

COMMISSIONERS OF QUEENSLAND ... Queensland, its resources and Institutions.

DALHOUSIE, DOWAGER COUNTESS OF Memoir of Count Pasolini.

ECKETT, MR. S. B.... ... ... Catalogue of Fine Art Exhibition (Derby), 1870; Description of Derby Arboretum

FREEMAN, HENRY ... ... Speech formation the true Basis of Spelling.

GUINNESS, H. G. ... ... "Romanism and Reformation from the Standpoint of Prophecy."

HARCOURT, SIR WM. ... ... 27 Blue Books and 27 Hansards.

HOBSON, WM., ALD., J.P. ... ... J. F. Rowbotham's History of Music, Vol. 1st.

HUGHES, MRS. J. F. ... ... Harmonies of Tones and Colours, with Supplement.

LONDON UNIVERSITY ... ... Intermediate Art Guide.

REGISTRAR, THE ... ... Durham University Calendar, 1887

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA ... Sacred Books of the East, vols. 25 and 29

TRUSTEES OF BRITISH MUSEUM ... Blastoidea in B.M.; Guide to Reptiles and Fishes in B.M.; General Guide to B.M. (Nat. Hist. Dep.); Catalogue of Lizards, Vol. 3; 29 Nos. of B.M. Gen. Cat.

Donations to the Museum.

CHADFIELD, E. J.	Insects.
GODBEHERE, ANTHONY	Pair of Zulu Sandals; a Water Gourd.
HALL, T.	Fine cast skin of Snake.
LOTT, MISS	Emu's Egg.
MEAD-WALDO, MRS.	Carrion Crow.
OWEN, A. H.	Razor Bill, caught at Skegness.
NETHERSEAL COLLIERY, Poroprietors of, per Mr. A. Hague	Coal Fossils from Netherseal Colliery.
TOFT, W. N.	Two Ancient Tobacco Pipes, one from Bakewell Moor, the other from Harthill, near Alport.
WHEELDON, W. G.	A magnificent pair of horns of the Irish Elk.
WYKEN COLLIERY (Proprietors of) per Mr. Whittem.	Specimens of Fossils from Wyken Colliery.

Derby Free

Abstract of the Accounts for the

Dr. REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS

		£	s.	d.
To	Joiner's, Plumber's, and Gas Fitter's Work	20	18	6
„	Painting and Cleaning in Librarian's House	11	2	6
„	Painting Reading Rooms and Corridor	63	11	0
„	Upholsterer's Work	12	17	10
„	Asphalting and Paving	6	16	6
		£115	6	4

SALARIES AND

To	W. Crowther, Chief Librarian and Curator...	200	0	0
„	Charles Courtney, Assistant Ditto, 1 year	78	0	0
„	J. A. Miller „ „ „	65	0	0
„	Arthur Bates „ „ „	20	16	0
„	George Moore „ „ „	20	11	0
„	H. M. Haywood, Committee Clerk, 1 year	40	0	0
„	Porter's Wages and Assistant Cleaners	64	12	3
		£488	19	3

LIBRARY

To	New Books and Book Music...	132	7	1
„	Binding and Repairing Books	178	12	2
„	Leather and Binding Materials	14	18	3
„	Palæontographical Society Reports	1	1	0
„	Printing Tickets and Forms	26	15	6
„	"Lismore Papers"	3	4	6
„	Readers' Index	3	0	0
„	New Tickets for Indicator	19	9	6
		£379	8	0

Library, &c.

Year ending September 29th, 1887.

TO PREMISES ACCOUNT.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Free Library Rate Account	115	6	4
	£115	6	4

WAGES ACCOUNT.

By Free Library Rate Account	488	19	3
	£488	19	3

ACCOUNT.

By Sale of Catalogues	10	2	3
„ Fines upon Readers for Detention of Books	48	13	0
„ Fees for New Tickets and Post Cards	10	11	9
„ Lost and Damaged Books	1	17	9
„ Free Library Rate Account	308	3	3
	£379	8	0

Dr.

READING AND NEWS

	£	s.	d.
To Magazines and Periodicals	29	10	9
„ Binding ditto	18	1	11
„ Newspapers, Illustrated Papers, &c.	53	8	6
„ Hire of temporary Reading Rooms	4	0	0
	£105	1	2

MUSEUM

To Jubilee Coins	14	0	0
„ Oak Frame	0	6	6
	£14	6	6

FREE LIBRARY

To Balance brought forward (being amount borrowed for the formation of the old Institution and owing as a Loan) ...	500	0	0
	£500	0	0

SINKING FUND

To balance carried forward	100	0	0
	£100	0	0

DERBY

To Free Library Rate at One Farthing in the £, one Quarter to 25th December, 1886	353	0	0
„ Ditto, Quarter ending 25th March, 1887	353	0	0
„ Ditto, Quarter ending 24th June, 1887	353	0	0
„ Ditto, Quarter ending 29th September, 1887	353	0	0
	£1412	0	0

ESTABLISHMENT

To Gas	95	14	3
„ Water	10	10	11
„ Coal	41	13	8
„ Fire Insurance	26	0	0
„ Ironmongery	3	18	4
„ Planting Shrubs, &c., in Garden	15	8	6
„ Petty Cash Payments by Librarian	27	6	3
„ Printing Annual Reports	6	16	6
„ Various Printing and Stationery	10	10	7
„ Cleaning Windows	9	5	0
„ Property Tax and House Duty	2	2	6
„ Miscellaneous Expenses	5	3	0
„ Interest and Commission charged by Banker	1	10	2
„ Clothing for Porter	4	4	6
	£260	4	2

ROOMS ACCOUNT.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Sale of Old Newspapers, &c....	3	5	7
„ Free Library Rate Account	101	15	7
	£105	1	2

ACCOUNT.

By Free Library Rate Account	14	6	6
	£14	6	6

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

By Balance carried forward	500	0	0
	£500	0	0

ACCOUNT.

By amount in hand towards repayment of loan to John Payne...	100	0	0
	£100	0	0

CORPORATION.

By Treasurer, Free Library Rate, granted November 9th, 1886	353	0	0
„ Ditto, granted February 7th, 1887	353	0	0
„ Ditto, granted May 4th, 1887	353	0	0
„ Ditto, granted August 3rd, 1887	353	0	0
	£1412	0	0

ACCOUNT.

By Derby Mechanics' Institute, Acknowledgment for Encroachment	0	1	0
„ Free Library Rate Account	260	3	2
	£260	4	2

Dr.

LOAN

	£	s.	d.
To Interest on Loan of £500, less Tax, one year to 29th September, 1887	21	15	4
,, Balance carried forward, being Loan owing...	500	0	0
	£521	15	4

RATE

To Repairs and Alterations to Premises...	115	6	4
,, Salaries and Wages	488	19	3
,, Library...	308	3	3
,, Reading and News Rooms	101	15	7
,, Museum	14	6	6
,, Establishment Expenses	260	3	2
,, Loan (Interest)	21	15	4
,, Sinking Fund	100	0	0
,, Balance	28	11	11
	£1439	1	4

BALANCE

To Treasurer, Sinking Fund	100	0	0			
, Balance	28	11	11			
				128	11	11
,, Free Library and Museum Capital Account...				500	0	0
				£628	11	11

ACCOUNT.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Balance brought forward, being Loan advanced by John Payne	500	0	0
„ Free Library Rate Account	21	15	4
	£521	15	4

ACCOUNT.

By Balance brought forward	27	1	4
„ Quarterly Rates granted by the Derby Town Council ...	1412	0	0
	£1439	1	4

SHEET.

By Free Library and Museum	28	11	11
„ Sinking Fund	100	0	0
„ Payne, John, Loan Account	500	0	0
	£628	11	11

H. M. HAYWOOD, Clerk.

We have examined the several Accounts of which the foregoing is the Balance Sheet, and have compared the items Credited in the Treasurer's Account with the Vouchers, and found them to correspond, and hereby certify that the Balance of £128 11s. 11d. on the Treasurer's Account agrees with the amount appearing by the Treasurer's own book to be due from him at 29th September, 1887.

Dated this 21st day of October, 1887.

WATSON, SOWTER & Co., Auditors appointed by the Corporation.

BENJAMIN BRINDLEY, } Auditors appointed by the
JAMES HARWOOD, } Burgesses.

T. H. HARRISON, Auditor appointed by the Mayor.

DERBY CORPORATION

Abstract of the Accounts for the

Dr.

WAGES

	£	s.	d.
To Wages to Attendant at Turnstile and Charwoman	76	12	6
	£76	12	6

FITTINGS AND

To Joiner's and Plumber's Work...	2	11	3
„ Paining and Colour Washing Gallery	22	12	6
„ Repairing Roof	5	10	1
„ Snow Boards for ditto...	3	10	0
„ Boarding Walls in Gallery	17	10	0
	£51	13	10

COLLECTION AND CARRIAGE OF

To Collection and Carriage of Pictures, &c., and obtaining Loans	88	15	10
	£88	15	10

ESTABLISHMENT

To Insurance	3	8	6
„ Gas	19	13	11
„ Coal	5	2	3
„ Ironmongery	1	17	2
„ Advertising	3	1	6
„ Printing, Stationery, and Posting	32	10	3
„ Printing Catalogues	21	6	6
„ Hire of Piano for Concerts	4	0	6
„ Petty Cash Payments by Curator	19	3	5
„ Interest and Commission charged by Bankers	9	16	0
„ Property Tax	3	6	8
	£123	6	8

MEDAL COMPETITION

To Medals and Cases for same	13	6	3
„ Judges' Expenses	3	3	0
	£16	9	3

ART GALLERY.

Year ending September 29th, 1887.

ACCOUNT.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Art Gallery Account	76	12	6
	£76	12	6

REPAIRS ACCOUNT.

By Art Gallery Account	51	13	10
	£51	13	10

PICTURES AND LOANS ACCOUNT.

By Art Gallery Account	88	15	10
	£88	15	10

ACCOUNT.

By Advertisements in Catalogues	32	18	6
„ Art Gallery Account	90	8	2
	£123	6	8

ACCOUNT.

By Subscriptions for Medals	3	15	6
Art Gallery Account	12	13	9
	£16	9	3

Dr. DERBY CORPORATION

	£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward	303	6	7
	£303	6	7

ART GALLERY

To Wages	76	12	6
„ Fittings and Repairs	51	13	10
„ Collection and Carriage of Pictures, &c.	88	15	10
„ Establishment	90	8	2
„ Medal Competition	12	13	9
	£320	4	1

BALANCE

To Art Gallery Account (Deficiency)	195	17	1
	£195	17	1

ACCOUNT.

				£	s.	d.
						Cr.
By Derby Corporation, Amount owing to Banker at 29th September, 1886				303	6	7
				£303	6	7

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

By PAINTER-ETCHERS' EXHIBITION (4 Weeks) 1886.						
Receipts at Turnstile	4	9	11			
Catalogues Sold	0	9	10			
Miscellaneous	0	5	0			
				5	4	9
,, AUTUMN EXHIBITION, 1886-7.						
Receipts at Turnstile	47	4	9			
Catalogues Sold	3	10	8			
Umbrella, &c., Stand	0	8	3			
Commission on Pictures Sold	10	8	9			
				61	12	5
,, SPRING EXHIBITION, 1887.						
Receipts at Turnstile	29	1	8			
Catalogues Sold	1	18	2			
Commission on Pictures Sold	2	0	6			
				33	0	4
,, PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION, 1887.						
Receipts at Turnstile	14	6	3			
Catalogues Sold	2	1	7			
				16	7	10
,, AUTUMN EXHIBITION, 1887 (2 Weeks).						
Receipts at Turnstile	5	16	8			
Catalogues Sold	1	14	6			
Use of Piano	0	10	6			
				8	1	8
,, Balance (deficiency)				195	17	1
				£320	4	1

SHEET.

By Treasurer (amount owing)	195	17	1
	£195	17	1

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LIST OF COMMITTEES & OFFICIALS.

Library and Museum Committee.

Mr. Alderman NEWBOLD, J.P. Mayor.
Mr. Alderman HOBSON, J.P., Chairman.

Mr. Alderman LONGDON, J.P.
" " RUSSELL, J.P.
Mr. Councillor BOTTOMLEY.
" " CHOLERTON.
" " FOULDS.
" " GENTLES.
" " WINTER.
" " WRIGHT.

Rev. W. CLARK, B.D.
" W. H. TETLEY.
Mr. W. BEMROSE, J.P.
" ALEX. BUCHANAN, J.P.
" S. COURT.
" W. J. PIPER.
" A. H. STOKES. A.M.F.G.S.
" G. SUTHERLAND.

Dr. CARTER WIGG.

Art Gallery Committee.

Mr. Alderman NEWBOLD, J.P., Mayor.
Mr. WILLIAM BEMROSE, J.P., Chairman.

Mr. Alderman HOBSON, J.P.
" " SOWTER, J.P.
Mr. Councillor BATTERSBY.
" " COX.
" " DEAN.
" " WINTER.
" " WRIGHT.

Dr. FRANCIS.
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" F. J. ROBINSON.
" T. C. SIMMONDS,
" GEO. TURNER.

Librarian and Curator.

Mr. WILLIAM CROWTHER,

Clerk.

Mr. H. M. HAYWOOD.

Assistant-Librarians.

Mr. CHARLES COURTNEY.
ARTHUR BATES.
MISS J. A. MILLER.
GEORGE H. MOORE.

Art Gallery Attendant.

J. COURTNEY.

Porter.

GEORGE PULLEN.

Borough of Derby.

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

FREE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE

For the Year ending September 29th, 1888.

THE Free Library and Museum Committee beg to present their Seventeenth Annual Report to the Council, and in doing so, beg to congratulate them on the continued prosperity and usefulness of the Institution.

Large additions of Books have been made to both Libraries during the year, in the selection of which the Book Committee have exercised much vigilance and care, and the works purchased have been supplemented by a handsome gift of 42 volumes, chiefly of a valuable scientific character and for reference, from the Delegates of the Clarendon Press, Oxford. The warmest thanks of the Committee and the Council are due to the University of Oxford for this welcome addition to the Reference Library.

The Committee have been enabled by strict economy in the ordinary expenses of maintenance to deal with several matters of importance. Last year the lower part of the building was painted and cleaned throughout, and during this year the second part of

the Institution, the Museum and Corridors, have been repainted and decorated at a cost of £67. Lighter tints have been chosen, and the Museum and its approaches are hence much more bright and cheerful. Next year the Committee hope to deal with the Library in the same way. The whole of the roof has also been thoroughly overhauled and made watertight, and the glazing has all been reputtied and perfectly repaired. Additional locks have been put on the Museum cases, and the electric communications about the building remodelled and put into perfect working order. These matters have entailed considerable outlay, but the Committee are satisfied that the money has been well spent. The triangular piece of ground in the Strand which has long been an eyesore has also been asphalted and redrained. A purchase of specimens for the Museum from the collection of the late Rev. Urban Smith, of Stony Middleton, has absorbed £24, and lastly, the Committee have been enabled to add a second sum of £100 to the Sinking Fund they have formed for the repayment of the £500 they have had on loan since the foundation of the Institution. The Committee believe that although they have been enabled to take all these matters in hand, the efficiency and utility of the Institution have in no way suffered.

As usual, the Librarian's Annual Report to this Committee, which contains many statistics of interest, is appended. The Committee desire to add that the Institution was never in a better condition, or more highly appreciated than at the present time, and they feel that much of its prosperity is due to its present efficient management.

On behalf of the Committee,

WILLIAM HOBSON,

CHAIRMAN.

OCTOBER 30th, 1888.

To the Chairman and Members of the Free Library and Museum Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

I have much pleasure in submitting to you my Third Annual Report.

The number of volumes in the Lending Library is 14227, against 13796 last year, and in the Reference Library 8,595 against 8184, or a total increase of 850 volumes, the number in both Libraries being now 23,022. The total issue in both Libraries shows a trifling decrease. In the Lending Library the issue is 130,314 against 131,641. This is more than accounted for by the gradual withdrawal of the three volume novels, which formerly held such an important position in our stock of works of fiction. In the Reference Library the numbers are 27,917, against 28,070. Eight books have been lost and paid for, and three have been totally lost through default of both borrower and guarantor. The books rebound and repaired number 3,545, nearly all with the exception of the magazines being done on our own premises. About 3,000 of the number have been either resewn or entirely rebound. 141 books have been withdrawn as worn out. It gives me much pleasure to again report that as a whole the books are carefully used, and fewer cases than ever of wanton damage have come under my notice this year. The Library is now in a good state of repair, and fewer books await mending than is usual at this time of the year.

The musical department quite justifies our belief in its usefulness. This is shown by the fact that the issues number about 30 in the week, and about 1,500 during the year. I have been often asked as to the popularity of the newer works of fiction as compared with the older standard works. I have been making careful comparisons as to the number of issues, and I am gratified to find that "Ivanhoe" and "David Copperfield" are out in circulation quite as much as "Aurora Floyd" and "East Lynne," and that "John Halifax" and "Adam Bede" show up quite as well as "She," "King Solomon's Mines," or "Treasure Island." The interest in the former books is abiding, that in the latter evanescent.

The News Rooms are more fully attended than ever, and the couduct of those that visit them is all that one could wish or expect. I have had no serious complaint to make during the past year

The re-arrangement of the minerals in the Museum is now practically completed, and the collection will be fully labelled and in order in the course of a few weeks. Mr. A. H. Stokes, F.G.S., and Mr. Arnold Bemrose, M.A., who have kindly undertaken this work, and to whom I owe a deep debt of gratitude, have had their labours considerably prolonged by the arrangement of the important purchases made from Mrs. Urban Smith in March last. I think that when finally arranged, our collection will fully hold its own with that of other provincial Museums.

The numbers visiting the Institution were carefully counted during three separate weeks in February and March last. The highest week was 13,816, and the lowest 13,215, the average being 13,423, thus distributed :

Lending Library	3330
News Room	5330
Reference Room	3013
Ladies' Room	731
Museum...	1019
	13423

The busiest day in the Reading Rooms is Monday ; in the Libraries and Museum, Saturday. These figures need no comment, showing as they do that the Institution, as a whole, is well used and highly appreciated. The figures for the year, on the same basis, would be something like 670,000, or about seven times the population of the borough.

I have again the greatest pleasure in testifying to the zeal and efficiency with which the whole of the staff discharge their duties. All the work, which is at times very heavy, is cheerfully done, and with a single eye to the good of the Institution and the service of the public.

The usual tables are appended to this report, to which I beg to refer all who require further information, and beg to remain, gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

W. CROWTHER,

Librarian and Curator.

October 30th, 1888.

REPORT

OF THE

CORPORATION ART GALLERY COMMITTEE.

For the Year ending September 29th, 1888.

THE Art Gallery Committee have much pleasure in presenting their Sixth Annual Report. The past year has been one of steady progress, and the figures tend to show that the popularity and usefulness of the Gallery are both on the increase. The Gallery has been open during the past year on 272 days, of which 45 have been free. The attendance on the free days has been 16,331 (an average of 363 visitors daily), and the visitors by payment have numbered 17,492, giving a daily average of 77. The total number of visitors for the year has been 33,823 against 30,150 last year. A glance at the subjoined tables will give a good idea of the progress being made, it being borne in mind that the dates of opening and closing the Exhibitions do not correspond with the beginning and ending of the year.

1886-7.

	Visitors.				Receipts.		
	Pay.	Free.	Total.		£	s.	d.
Autumn Exhibition ...	5704	4456	10160	...	51	3	8
Spring ,, ...	4099	4142	8241	...	30	19	10
Summer ,, ...	3335	4219	7554	...	16	7	10
Totals ...	13138	12817	25955	...	98	11	4

1887-8.

	Visitors.				Receipts.		
	Pay.	Free.	Total.		£	s.	d.
Autumn Exhibition ...	7821	6420	14241	...	61	2	10
Spring ,, ...	6018	4680	10698	...	50	5	10
Summer ,, ...	4563	5580	10143	...	23	7	11
Totals ...	18402	16680	35082	...	134	16	7

All the figures tend to show that the free day is much and increasingly appreciated, while the visitors by payment show no falling-off

The deficiency in the Funds keeps at about the same low figure as last year, amounting to £209, as against £195, the difference being accounted for by the amount of insurance which had to be effected on the valuable loan collection now in the Gallery. The Committee are glad to find that their estimate as to the annual cost is thus justified, and think that the efficient maintenance of such a valuable institution at so small a cost is matter for congratulation. They can only re-affirm their hope that the time may soon come when the privilege of free admission may be further extended.

The Autumn Exhibition last year was open from September 7th to January 14th. The Art Union, in connection with it, was well supported, and the picture scales amounted to £146.

The Spring Exhibition extended from January 31st to May 7th Its main attraction was the fine collection of modern pictures lent to the Committee by Sharpley Bainbridge, Esq., J.P. of Lincoln. This collection numbers 101 examples, being particularly rich in the works of Birket Foster and George Clausen, and containing good specimens of the work of L. Alma-Tadema, R.A., E. J. Poynter, R.A., W. Q. Orchardson, R.A., R. W. Macbeth, A.R.A., Ernest Crofts, A.R.A., and many other eminent artists. The Committee thankfully acknowledge the great kindness of Mr. Bainbridge in lending this collection, which has been of inestimable value to Art students, and of great interest to the general public. Local and London artists were also well represented in the Spring Exhibition. Mr. John M. Cook kindly lent a good "Wright of Derby," and Mr. Crosland, of Nottingham, good examples of DeWint and Logsdail. The picture sales amounted to £204 6s.

The Summer Exhibition, open from May 19th to September 6th, was on different lines from any of its predecessors. Its principal feature was a collection of works in Black and White. Many eminent artists contributed both drawings and etchings, and the proprietors of the "Illustrated London News" and the "Graphic," and Messrs. Cassell and Co., lent some of the valuable original drawings from their establishments. Mr. Councillor Dean and Dr. Fletcher also lent valuable examples. The Exhibition excited considerable interest, and was well patronised.

The Autumn Exhibition, now being held, was opened on September 17th by a conversazione, given by His Worship the Mayor (Mr. Alderman Newbold, J.P.), at which about 550 invited

guests assembled, and passed a very pleasant evening. The Committee's best thanks are due to His Worship for the kindly interest thus shown in the Art Gallery. The present collection is the most numerous ever exhibited in the Gallery, and the number of visitors is quite satisfactory.

The Third Series of Popular Concerts, arranged by the Curator, were held on the Saturday evenings of last winter. Twenty-four concerts were given, attended by 5400 persons. The total receipts were £61 16s. 3d., and the expenses £17 13s. 3d., leaving a clear profit of £43 13s. The best thanks of the Committee are due to the Curator, and to all those ladies and gentlemen who kindly gave him their assistance.

The Water-colour Room has now been boarded round, and the work of picture hanging thereby much facilitated. Nothing else of importance has been done or has been required in the building, which is in a state of good repair.

Sir Philip Cunliffe Owen paid an official visit to the Gallery on March 6th, and expressed his complete satisfaction with what he saw. He was met by His Worship the Mayor, and by the Chairmen and many of the members of the Free Library and Art Gallery Committees.

The usual change of examples in the four cases now filled from South Kensington Museum was made early in December last, and the Committee are indebted to the following gentlemen for the loan of objects of interest during the past year: Mr. Alderman H. H. Bemrose, J.P.. for collection of ancient manuscripts and printed books; Mr. W. Bemrose, J.P, for collection of Indian metal work; Mr. Councillor George Bottomley for collection of China; Mr. R. G. Lomas for specimens of Derbyshire spar and marble manufactures, including works of art manufactured for Lord Scarsdale, Canon Olivier, and Mr. F. J. Robinson, and exhibited by their permission; Mr. Maw, of Tenant Street, for collection of Derby china, and Mr. W. H. Willett, of Brighton, for Burmese curiosities.

On behalf of the Committee

W. BEMROSE,

CHAIRMAN.

OCTOBER 30th, 1888.

TABLE I.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	1 No. of Volumes in Library September, 1887.	2 Volumes lost and paid for.	3 Volumes Totally Lost.	4 Volumes Withdrawn as worn out.	5 Total.	Stock Reduced as per Column 5.	No. of Books Replaced.	No. of New Books.	Present Library Stock 1888.	Total Increase in each Class.
Arts and Sciences	1350	..	...	2	2	1348	...	27	1375	25
Law and Politics	177	...	...	...	...	177	...	1	178	1
Natural History	318	...	...	...	...	318	...	4	322	4
Poetry and Drama...	466	...	...	1	1	465	...	4	469	3
Theology and Philosophy... ...	734	...	...	...	...	734	...	5	739	5
Light Literature	4842	8	3	131	146	4696	64	319	5079	237
History, Travels, and Biography...	4674	...	...	3	3	4671	...	94	4765	91
Miscellaneous	1235	1	...	4	5	1230	...	70	1300	65
Totals	13796	9	3	141	157	13639	64	524	14227	431

TABLE II.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

SHOWING THE MONTHLY ISSUE IN EACH CLASS, THE NUMBER OF DAYS THE LIBRARY WAS OPEN, THE TOTAL VOLUMES ISSUED, AND THE DAILY AVERAGE.

Month.	No. of Days Open.	Science and Art.	Politics and Commerce.	Natural History.	Theology and Philosophy.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, and Travel.	Miscellaneous.	Total.	Daily Average of Volumes.
1887.											
October	21½	270	22	74	61	84	9057	722	442	10732	469
November	23½	276	15	80	69	123	9128	854	553	11098	472
December	23	324	16	66	47	112	9468	841	548	11422	496
1888.											
January	21½	423	13	73	57	116	9630	825	615	11752	546
February	22½	400	16	75	73	137	10430	1017	722	12870	571
March	24	470	27	93	97	186	11588	1137	815	14413	600
April	19½	380	14	57	82	136	9366	770	608	11413	585
May	25	323	16	65	44	132	9347	728	512	11167	446
June	24	297	12	59	59	99	9277	646	491	10920	455
July	7½	102	5	22	29	44	2772	231	132	3337	445
August	23½	240	9	41	54	94	8556	664	477	10135	430
September	23	280	11	41	71	108	9366	648	530	11055	480
	258½	3765	176	746	743	1371	107985	9083	6445	130314	504

TABLE III.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	No of Vols. in Library September, 1887.	Additions during the year.	Present Library Stock, 1888.
Arts and Sciences	1594	51	1645
Law and Politics	206	10	216
Natural History	456	6	462
Poetry and Drama	144	9	153
Theology and Philosophy	252	2	254
Light Literature	63	...	63
History, Travels, Biography, &c.	1423	42	1465
Miscellaneous	1127	10	1137
Devonshire Library	1181	...	1181
Patent Library	1930	89	2019
Totals	8376	219	8595

Pamphlets not included in the above.

TABLE IV.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

SHOWING THE MONTHLY ISSUE IN EACH CLASS, THE NUMBER OF DAYS THE LIBRARY WAS OPEN, THE TOTAL VOLUMES ISSUED, AND THE DAILY AVERAGE.

Month.	No. of Days Open.	Science and Art.	Politics and Commerce.	Natural History.	Theology and Philosophy.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, and Travel.	Miscellaneous.	Patent Library.	Books for Blind.	Devonshire Library.	Total.	Daily Average of Volumes.
1887.														
October	23	465	17	44	29	27	38	230	1279	13	...	...	2142	94
November ...	26	685	16	98	35	38	89	336	2153	129	...	...	3579	137
December ...	25	464	22	77	32	33	93	227	1354	148	...	...	2450	98
1888.														
January	23	528	16	72	46	24	208	266	1785	67	...	...	3012	130
February.....	25	629	2	98	41	12	208	300	2018	120	...	...	3428	137
March	26	715	2	90	71	6	97	252	1543	453	...	...	3229	124
April	21	488	3	85	33	15	29	156	976	118	...	...	1903	90
May.....	27	325	6	26	38	9	21	135	849	97	...	...	1506	55
June	26	300	1	56	47	15	18	135	966	89	...	...	1627	62
July.....	14	218	0	25	20	6	23	78	675	36	...	...	1081	77
August	26	468	9	54	39	36	47	184	1193	32	...	...	2062	79
September ...	24½	394	10	38	32	15	20	143	1246	...	...	...	1898	77
Total.....	285½	5679	104	763	463	236	891	2442	16037	1302	...	...	27917	97

TABLE V.
MISCELLANEOUS.

Month.	Number of New Borrowers.		No. of Cards Cancelled.	No. of Overdue Books written for.	No. of Books Repaired and Rebound.
	Males.	Females.			
1887.					
October	73	31	11	71	405
November...	113	30	5	63	544
December...	38	17	10	44	223
1888.					
January	87	27	14	61	133
February	83	43	7	63	164
March	99	40	14	74	766
April	74	39	16	80	...
May	39	18	12	100	...
June	43	29	20	101	236
July	34	23	...	500	579
August	48	35	9	40	289
September	66	45	3	47	206
Totals ...	797	377	121	1244	3545

Approximate Total No. of Borrowers' Tickets now in force... 5500

TABLE VI.

OCCUPATIONS OF THE LAST THOUSAND OF THE NEW BORROWERS.

Accountants	3
Agents and Collectors	4
Apprentices and Shop Assistants...	48
Architects and Surveyors ...	4
Artists and Draughtsmen ...	18
Bakers and Confectioners ...	10
Bell-hanger	1
Billiard-marker	1
Boiler-makers	4
Bookbinders, Printers, and Compositors	17
Booksellers and Stationers ...	5
Boot and Shoe Makers... ...	6
Brass-founder...	1
Bricklayers and Masons ...	9
Brush-maker	1
Builders, Cabinet-makers, Carpenters, Joiners, and Upholsterers	16
Butchers	7
Carters	2
Carriage-builders	8
Chemists and Druggists ...	3
China-dealer	1
Clergymen and Ministers ...	5
Clerks and Book-keepers ...	96
Coal-merchant	1
Commercial Traveller	1
Cook	1
Coopers	2
Currier	1
Dentist	1
Domestic Servants	11
Drapers	12
Engine-cleaners	3
Engineers, Smiths, Fitters, Moulders, and Engine Drivers	63
Errand and Office-boys ...	33
Factory Hands	32
Fish-monger	1
Footmen, Grooms, &c. ...	3
Furniture Dealer	1
Gardeners and Greengrocers	5
Glass-cutter	1
Grocers & Provision-dealers	8
Hardware-dealers	2
Hotel Managers	2
Housekeepers...	8
Inland Revenue Officers ...	4
Inspectors	4
Jewellers...	2
Labourers	20
Medical Practitioners	3
Manufacturer	1
Musicians	9
Milliners and Dressmakers ...	37
Nurses	3
Pattern Makers	5
Painters, Plumbers, Paper Hangers, &c.	20
Pawnbrokers	2
Photographers	2
Policemen	2
Porters (General)	4
Postmen...	5
Railway Employés	14
Relieving Officer	1
Rope Makers	4
Sawyer	1
Scholars and Students	91
Skinners...	2
Soldiers	4
Solicitors	2
Tailors, Hosiers, &c.	21
Teachers and Pupil Teachers	52
Telegraphists...	4
Telegraph Messengers	4
Time-keepers	2
Turners	4
Waiters	3
Watchmakers	3
Watchman	1
Wheelwright...	1
Wine-merchant	1
No Occupation	199
	1000

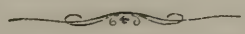
TABLE VII.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

COMPARATIVE RETURNS.

	1887.	1888.
Lending Library Replacements...	54	64
New Books ...	529	524
Total Books ...	13775	14227
,, Issues ...	131641	130314
Average Daily Issue ...	515	504
Turnover of each Volume ...	9.54	9.30
Reference Library		
New Books ...	192	219
Total Books ...	8376	8595
,, Issues ...	28070	27917
Average Daily Issue ...	99	97
New Borrowers ...	1267	1174
Total Borrowers (approximate)...	4500	5500
Cards Cancelled ...	88	121
Overdue Books written for ...	913	1244
Books Rebound and Repaired ...	4054	3545

Donations to the Library.



ALLEYNE LADY ... ... Nos. of "Nature" and "Engineering."

BELPER, RIGHT HON. LORD ... Portrait of First Lord Belper.

BEMROSE, H. A., M.A. ... ... Scientific and Learned Societies' Year Book, 1885.

BOROUGH, MISS ... ... Recollections of Mrs. Dering.

BOWRING, C. C. ... ... Souvenir du Bal Costumé.

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT ... ... Toronto "Called Back," 1886-1850.

COMMISSIONERS OF PATENTS ... Specifications of Patents, 89 volumes. Subject Matter and Alphabetical Indexes.

CLARENDON PRESS ... ... 42 volumes to the value of £25.

CLARK, MR. per (Dr. Foulds) ... Sundry Play Bills of Old Derby Theatre.

COUNCIL OF COLONIAL INSTITUTE... Proceedings of Royal Colonial Institute.

ELKINGTON & Co. ... ... Inventory of Reproductions in Metal.

ERITH, F. N. ... ... The Church.

FISK, FRANCIS ... . Skyring's Builders' Price Book 1888.

GUERRITORE, MADAME ... ... Our Little Willie, 2 copies.

HARCOURT, SIR WM., per (Mr. (Wm. Hall ... ... } 185 Blue Books.

DITTO ... ... 12 vols. of Statistical Journal.

DITTO ... ... 18 vols. of Transactions of Royal Society.

DITTO ... ... 2 vols. on Population, and

DITTO ... ... 40 Nos. of Hansard (per Mr. A. J. Clarke.)

HILL, MR. LEWIS (per W. Court... Origin of Postage Stamps (Pearson Hill).

MACMILLAN & Co.... ... ... Price's Industrial Peace.

MORGAN, H. (per Dr. Foulds) ... Full Score Copy of the "Messiah" (Walsh Edition).

NEWALL, MAJOR-GENERAL, D.J.F., R.A. ... ... } The Highlands of India.

PATTON JOHN ... ... The Death of Death.

PITMAN ISAAC ... . Phonetic and other Books (10 vols.)

REGISTRAR, THE ... ... Durham University Calendar, 1888.

ROE, W. R. ... ... Poems of the Deaf and Dumb.

SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND, &c., ASSOCIATION ... ... } Jubilee of Queen Victoria.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA Imperial Gazetteer of India, 7 vols.

DITTO ... ... India Office Library Catalogue, 2 vols.

SHIELDS, C. W., D.D. ... ... The Final Philosophy.

SIMPKIN, MARSHALL & CO. ... Adcock's Engineers' Pocket Book

SIMPSON, REV. A. L., D.D. ... Proceedings of Scottish Archæological Society; Dr. Ker's Thoughts of Heart and Life; and Scottish Nationality.

SLEIGH, JOHN, J.P. ... ... Sundry Books and Pamphlets.

SMITH, SIR JOHN ... ... Debrett's Peerage, &c., 1888.

SWAN, SONNENSCHEIN & CO. ... "St. Bernards'" and "Dying Scientifically."

TRUSTEES OF BRITISH MUSEUM ... Catalogue of Seals in B.M.; Cats. of Persian and Greek Coins; Cat. of Fossil Mammalia, Part V.; Cat. of Birds, Vols. XII. and XIV.; Guide to Shell and Star Fish Galleries; and Catalogue of Fossil Reptilia and Amphibia; 25 parts of B.M. Catalogue.

Donations to the Museum.

Cox, W. T. E. ... ... Fine Specimen of Peacock.
Hobson, H. Edgar ... ... Collection of Lepidoptera from Shanghai.
Johnson, Messrs. E. & Son ... Jubilee Medal.
Mein, General ... ... Three English Bottles, decorated by Afghans.
Potts, Mr.... ... ... Old Tokens and Medals.
Pritchard-Morgan, Mr. ... Specimen of Native Gold from Morgan Mine, Dolgelly.
Rutherford, Mr. ... ... Specimens of Dyed Silk.
Sleigh, Mr. (Derby) ... ... Fish from India.
Whittem, Mr. (Wyken Colliery) Carboniferous Fossils.

Donations to the Art Gallery.

Belper, The Dowager Lady ... Seven Photographs of the Cartoons of Raphael, handsomely framed.
Clayton, Mrs. ... ... Portrait of the late Joseph Strutt, painted by Brassington of Derby.
Gisborne, Mrs. ... ... Three Indian Idols.

Derby Free

Abstract of the Accounts for the

Dr.

REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS

		£	s.	d.
To	Joiner's, Plumber's, and Gas Fitter's Work	26	2	11
„	Painting Museum, and repairing roof of same	67	17	0
„	Electric Signals	20	2	6
„	Upholsterer's Work	2	1	1
„	Asphalting	4	0	4
„	New Gate, and repairing Railings in Strand	5	0	10
„	Locksmith's Work	5	9	11
„	Repairing Museum Gates	1	2	3
		£131	16	10

SALARIES AND

To	W. Crowther, Chief Librarian and Curator	200	0	0
„	Charles Courtney, Assistant Ditto	79	10	0
„	J. A. Miller „ „	66	5	0
„	Arthur Bates „ „	21	4	0
„	George Moore „ „	21	4	0
„	H. M. Haywood, Committee Clerk	40	0	0
„	Porter's Wages, and Assistant Cleaners	67	9	6
		£495	12	6

LIBRARY

To	New Books	125	4	6
„	Binding and Repairing Books	210	8	11
„	Binding Press...	2	3	0
„	Palæontographical Society Reports	1	1	0
„	Printing Tickets and Forms	28	19	10
„	"Lismore Papers"	4	18	9
„	Preparing Index of Readers, &c.	3	3	0
„	London and Merchants' Directories	4	2	6
„	Receipt Books for fines	4	4	0
		£384	5	6

Library, &c.

Year ending September 29th, 1888.

TO PREMISES ACCOUNT. Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Free Library Rate Account	131	16	10
	£131	16	10

WAGES ACCOUNT.

By Free Library Rate Account	495	12	6
	£495	12	6

ACCOUNT.

By Sale of Catalogues	5	5	9
„ Fines upon Readers for Detention of Books	41	15	1
„ Fees for New Tickets and Post Cards	6	5	4
„ Lost and Damaged Books	1	18	6
„ Free Library Rate Account	329	0	10
	£384	5	6

Dr.

READING AND NEWS

	£	s.	d.
To Magazines and Periodicals	29	9	4
„ Newspapers, Illustrated Papers, &c.	56	10	2
	£85	19	6

MUSEUM

To Collection of Shells, and Minerals	24	0	0
„ Otters purchased	4	10	0
„ Taxidermist's work	2	8	6
	£30	18	6

FREE LIBRARY

To Balance brought forward (being amount borrowed for the formation of the old Institution and owing as a loan) ...	500	0	0
	£500	0	0

SINKING FUND

To Balance carried forward	200	0	0
	£200	0	0

DERBY

To Free Library Rate at One Farthing in the £, one Quarter to 25th December 1887	367	0	0
„ Ditto, Quarter ending 25th March, 1888	367	0	0
„ Ditto, Quarter ending 24th June, 1888	367	0	0
„ Ditto, Quarter ending 29th September, 1888	367	0	0
	£1468	0	0

LOAN

To Interest on Loan of £500, less Tax, one year to 29th September, 1888	21	17	2
„ Balance carried forward, being loan owing...	500	0	0
	£521	17	2

ROOMS ACCOUNT.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Sale of Old Newspapers, &c.	4	2	0
„ Free Library Rate Account	81	17	6
	£85	19	6

ACCOUNT.

By Free Library Rate Account	30	18	6
	£30	18	6

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

By Balance carried forward	500	0	0
	£500	0	0

ACCOUNT.

By Balance brought forward	100	0	0
„ Further amount in hand towards re-payment of loan to John Payne	100	0	0
	£200	0	0

CORPORATION.

By Treasurer, Free Library Rate granted November 9th, 1887	367	0	0
„ Ditto, granted February 1st, 1888	367	0	0
„ Ditto, granted May 2nd, 1888	367	0	0
„ Ditto, granted August 1st, 1888	367	0	0
	£1468	0	0

ACCOUNT.

By Balance brought forward, being Loan advanced by John Payne...	500	0	0
„ Free Library Rate Account	21	17	2
	£521	17	2

Dr. ESTABLISHMENT

	£	s.	d.
To Gas	102	18	8
,, Water	9	18	7
,, Coal	42	14	11
,, Fire Insurance	26	0	0
,, Ironmongery	3	1	11
,, Planting, &c., in Garden	10	11	0
,, Petty Cash Payments by Librarian...	33	4	4
,, Printing Annual Reports	7	14	0
,, Various Printing and Stationery	8	15	2
,, Cleaning Windows	12	0	0
,, Property Tax and House Duty	2	0	0
,, Miscellaneous Expenses	5	19	4
,, Commission charged by Bankers	1	18	4
,, Clothing for Porter	4	4	6
,, Winding Clock (2 years)	6	0	0
,, Indiarubber Hose	5	16	0
	£282	16	9

RATE

To Repairs and Alterations to Premises	131	16	10
,, Salaries and Wages	495	12	6
,, Library...	329	0	10
,, Reading and News Rooms	81	17	6
,, Museum	30	18	6
,, Loan (Interest)	21	17	2
,, Establishment...	280	12	8
,, Sinking Fund	100	0	0
,, Balance	24	15	11
	£1496	11	11

BALANCE

To Treasurer, Sinking Fund	200	0	0			
,, Balance	24	15	11			
				224	15	11
,, Free Library and Museum Capital Account				500	0	0
				£724	15	11

ACCOUNT. **Cr.**

	£	s.	d.
By Derby Mechanics' Institute, Acknowledgement for Encroachment	0	1	0
„ Interest allowed by Bankers...	2	3	1
„ Free Library Rate Account	280	12	8
	£282	16	9

ACCOUNT.

By Balance brought forward	28	11	11
„ Quarterly Rates granted by the Derby Town Council ...	1468	0	0
	£1496	11	11

SHEET.

By Free Library and Museum	24	15	11
„ Sinking Fund...	200	0	0
„ Payne John, Loan Account	500	0	0
	£724	15	11

H. M. HAYWOOD, Clerk.

We have examined the several Accounts of the Derby Free Library and Museum, for the year ending September 29th, 1888 and hereby certify that they are correct.

Dated this 24th day of October, 1888.

WATSON, SOWTER & Co., Auditors appointed by the Corporation.

BENJAMIN BRINDLEY, JAMES HARWOOD, } Auditors appointed by the Burgesses.

T. H. HARRISON, Auditor appointed by the Mayor.

DERBY CORPORATION

Abstract of the Accounts for the

Dr.

WAGES

	£	s.	d.
To Wages to Attendant at Turnstile and Charwoman ...	76	3	0
	76	3	0

REPAIRS AND

To Joiner's and Plumber's Work	5	6	7
„ Painting and Colour-washing Gallery	4	15	9
„ Boarding and Painting Walls in ditto	8	0	1
	£18	2	5

COLLECTION AND CARRIAGE OF

To Collection & Carriage of Pictures, &c., and obtaining Loans	153	19	3½
	£153	19	3½

ESTABLISHMENT

To Insurance	13	14	3
„ Gas	18	16	8
„ Coal	6	9	11
„ Ironmongery	1	1	8
„ Advertising	6	14	3
„ Printing, Stationery, and Posting...	29	18	3
„ Printing Catalogues...	20	9	6
„ Hire of Piano, &c. for Concerts (2 years)...	13	0	0
„ Petty Cash Payments by Curator	10	5	6½
„ Interest and Commission charged by Bankers	7	3	0
„ Property Tax	2	18	4
„ Cases for Medals	0	15	0
	£131	6	4½

DERBY CORPORATION

To Balance brought forward	195	17	1
	£195	17	1

ART GALLERY.

Year ending September 29th, 1888.

ACCOUNT.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Art Gallery Account	76	3	0
	£76	3	0

ALTERATIONS ACCOUNT.

By Art Gallery Account	18	2	5
	£18	2	5

PICTURES AND LOANS ACCOUNT.

By Art Gallery Account	153	19	3½
	£153	19	3½

ACCOUNT.

By Advertisements in Catalogues	25	9	6
„ Art Gallery Account	105	16	10½
	£131	6	4½

ACCOUNT.

By Derby Corporation, Amount owing to Banker at 29th September, 1887	195	17	1
	£195	17	1

Dr. ART GALLERY

	£	s.	d.
To Wages	76	3	0
„ Repairs and Alterations	18	2	5
„ Collection and Carriage of Pictures, &c.	153	19	3½
„ Establishment	105	16	10½
	£354	1	7

BALANCE

To Art Gallery Account (Deficiency)	209	2	8
	£209	2	8

REVENUE ACCOUNT. Cr.

By AUTUMN EXHIBITION, 1887-8.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Receipts at Turnstile	49	11	2			
Catalogues sold	3	10	0			
Commission on Pictures Sold	8	2	3			
				61	3	5
,, **SPRING EXHIBITION, 1888.**						
Receipts at Turnstile	45	2	10			
Catalogues Sold	3	18	0			
Archæological Society—Gas, Hire of Piano, &c.	1	5	0			
Commission on Pictures Sold	10	1	9			
				60	7	7
,, **SUMMER EXHIBITION, 1888.**						
Receipts at Turnstile	19	16	1			
Catalogues Sold	3	11	10			
				23	7	11
,, Balance (deficiency)	...		...	209	2	8
				£354	1	7

SHEET.

By Treasurer (amount owing)				209	2	8
				£209	2	8

H. M. HAYWOOD, Clerk.

We have examined the several Accounts of the Derby Art Gallery for the year ended 29th September, 1888, and hereby certify that they are correct.

Dated this 24th day of October, 1888.

WATSON, SOWTER, & Co., Auditors appointed by the Corporation.

BENJAMIN BRINDLEY, JAMES HARWOOD, } Auditors appointed by the Burgesses.

T. H. HARRISON, Auditor appointed by the Mayor.

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Porter.

CEORGE PULLEN.

Borough of Derby.

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Free Library and Museum Committee,

For the Year ending Sept. 28th, 1889.

THE Free Library and Museum Committee have much pleasure in presenting their Eighteenth Annual Report, and, in doing so, beg to congratulate the Council on the continued usefulness and prosperity of the Institution.

There is nothing startling to chronicle respecting the last year's history of the Library and Museum. The Institution stands as high as ever in public estimation, and its efficiency in all its branches has been fully maintained. A larger sum of money than usual has been spent by the Book Committee, no fewer than 1,647 new books having been purchased. Of these 798 are replacements and 849 are entirely new. To the vigilant care and discretion of the Book Committee is due the general high character of the Library.

The remaining portion of the cleaning and painting of the Building, viz., the interior of the Library, has been completed during the present summer, and the work has been very successfully carried out. The original design has been adhered to, and there has only been a slight change in the colours. No great expense will need to be incurred under this head for several years to come. The building throughout is in a good state of repair, and the only matter which will demand the attention of the Committee in the near future is the re-arrangement, if necessary, of the heating apparatus.

A reference to the accounts attached to this Report will show how the income of the Committee has been expended. They believe that the

Institution has been very economically worked without impairing its usefulness in any way, and they are glad to say that they have added a third sum of £100 to the Sinking Fund formed for the repayment of the £500 which was borrowed at the foundation of the Institution. A sum of £57 12s. 9d. is carried forward to the next year's account, but of this £30 has been applied to the purposes of the Museum Committee, although not yet expended.

The Committee beg to refer all those interested in the inner working of the Institution to the Librarian's Report and the exhaustive statistics appended to it, and they desire to place on record their complete satisfaction with the way in which the work of the Institution is carried on.

In conclusion, they gratefully acknowledge the many tokens of interest shown in the Institution as evidenced by the donations of books and other things which are constantly being received. They beg to reiterate the opinion that the Library and Museum are doing excellent work—worthy of comparison with what is being done in other towns, and which in every way carries out the design of the revered founder.

On behalf of the Committee,

WILLIAM HOBSON,

CHAIRMAN.

November 4th, 1889.

To the Chairman and Members of the Free Library and Museum Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

It gives me great pleasure to submit to you my Fourth Annual Report.

The total number of books now in the Lending Library is 14,836 against 14,227 last year, and in the Reference Library 8,825 against 8,595. This gives as the total in both Libraries 23,661, an increase of 839 on last year's total, and this in spite of 801 volumes having been withdrawn from circulation as worn out. The total issues in each Department show a decrease, which in the Lending Library amounts to 5,758 volumes, and in the Reference Library to 4,695. The causes for this are various. The gradual elimination of the three volume novel counts for much; the fact that many of the pictorial volumes so much in demand are hopelessly worn out is another cause; but, in my opinion, the chief causes are that in the Lending Library books are kept longer than formerly, and changes are less frequent, which I hope points to more thorough, and less desultory reading; while the readers in both Libraries are undoubtedly diminished by the fact that better times have decreased the numbers of the unemployed, and there is less time for reading. The state of the News Rooms just now in the day time is a remarkable contrast to what it was this time last year. The issues in the two Departments are as follows: Lending, 124,556; Reference, 23,222; together 147,778. As a matter of interest, it may be stated that the total issue of books since the foundation of the Library is—Lending, 2,488,218; Reference, 331,880, making together the astounding total of 2,820,098. The daily issue in the Lending Department during the past year varies considerably, ranging from 599 in the month of March to 338 in July, the highest daily issue being on April 18th, when 1,148 volumes were given out. The Reference Library varies in the same way, November standing at the head with a daily issue of 126, and June only showing a daily average of 35.

In the Lending Department 771 volumes have been withdrawn as worn out. The whole list of books so withdrawn for several years past has been carefully gone over by the Book Committee, and as a result 798 volumes have been replaced, the remainder being struck off the list and their places declared vacant. In addition to this, 589 new volumes have been purchased. These include the most recent and interesting works in Biography and Travels, and a large proportion of good, healthy juvenile literature. When a new Catalogue is undertaken, it will be seen that

books for the young hold an important place in the Library. Four books have been lost and paid for, and three have been totally lost through default of both borrower and guarantor. On the other hand, a book returned two years ago as totally lost, has been recovered. I think that considering the very large issue, these figures will not be considered unsatisfactory. There is very little ill-usage of books to complain of, and I have only had one case of deliberately wilful damage to report during the year. Four leaves were cut out bodily from a volume of humorous songs. A few of our readers, and only a few, are in the habit of marking the books. The marks consist chiefly of marginal notes, more or less idiotic, on the subject matter, and sometimes the reader's opinion on the volume as a whole is given in a condensed form on the fly leaf at the end. As might be expected, the remarks bear no critical value, and the practice is a distinctly mischievous one, and a violation of the Library regulations. I am informed that the practice is not unknown in Libraries other than those supported by the rates, and I have every reason to believe that we have less of it than in other towns. I hope I may be able next year to report its discontinuance. In the Reference Library 30 volumes of Illustrated books have been withdrawn as worn out, and 260 new volumes have been added. The whole of the Library is now in an excellent state of repair, and there are less than a hundred volumes not available for public use. The total number of volumes rebound during the past year is 945, and of those repaired 4,777, a total of 5,722.

During the last year there have been enrolled 1,062 new borrowers, 754 males and 308 females, whose occupations are shown in Table VI. They are thus distributed in the various Wards: Arboretum 116, Babington 141, Becket 228, Castle 98, Derwent 39, Friar Gate 121, King's Mead 126, Litchurch, 131. Calculating by the percentage which the number on the Burgess-roll in each Ward bears to the whole of the town, these numbers should be: Arboretum 144, Babington 123, Becket 187, Castle 126, Derwent 67, Friar Gate 111, King's Mead 150, Litchurch 92. These figures speak for themselves. The number of borrowers since the opening of the building in 1879 is 16,002, of whom I estimate something over one third are using the Library at the present time. 1,327 applications have been made to borrowers for overdue books, and no fewer than 1,005 books have been bespoken at the cost of one penny, a post card being sent to the borrower when the book is in. I shall be very glad to see this regulation still more largely used by borrowers.

Since February last, we have received regularly every week a list of the infected houses in the Borough. Occupiers of such houses known to be

borrowers, have received notice at once that their books must not be returned till the houses have been disinfected, and in every case the book has been destroyed on its return to the Library. The public may therefore have confidence that the Library does nothing in spreading contagious diseases. I have to acknowledge gratefully the ready co-operation of the Sanitary Committee, and the great assistance I have received from the Medical Officer of Health for the Borough (W. Iliffe, Esq.) and the Sanitary Inspector, Mr. Wilkinson.

The News Room and Reference Room continue to be much used, and in the evenings are often uncomfortably full. Monday and Saturday are the busiest days. The behaviour of those who come to read has been exemplary, and I have much pleasure in noting the fact that there seems every disposition to conform to the regulations in force for securing good order and perfect quiet. The only unpleasant circumstance to report during the year is the undetected theft of two magazines.

The re-arrangement and labelling of the Minerals in the Museum was completed last December, and a complete Catalogue of the collection has since been compiled by Mr. H. Arnold Bemrose, M.A., and is now available to the general public at a small cost. The Fossils are in process of re-arrangement, and will, it is hoped, be finished by the end of the present year. The re-arrangement of the Shells necessitated by the large additions made last year is practically completed now, and the labelling is in a forward condition. A valuable collection of British Birds' Eggs has been purchased, and the Museum Committee have had funds placed at their disposal for the purchase of Geological specimens which may be found wanting as the re-arrangement progresses. I hope soon to be able to report the Museum in perfect order.

I am again glad to express my complete satisfaction with the work done by the staff of the Institution. Both the junior assistants have left since my last Report, taking with them an excellent character for industry, and those appointed in their places are doing their work well. The work done by the other members of the staff is of the same high quality which has characterised their many previous years of faithful service. I should like also to place on record my sense of the high service which is rendered by the entire newspaper press of Derby, and thankfully acknowledge its hearty co-operation in all that tends to the welfare of the Institution.

The usual Tables are appended to this Report, to which I beg to refer all who require more detailed information, and beg to remain, Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

W. CROWTHER,

November 4th, 1889. Librarian and Curator.

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Corporation Art Gallery Committee,

For the Year ending Sept. 28th, 1889.

THE Art Gallery Committee have much pleasure in presenting their Seventh Annual Report. The Gallery has been open on 263 days, of which 45 have been free. The attendance on the free days has been 13,847, with a daily average of 308, and visitors by payment have numbered 14,112, with a daily average of 65. The total visitors for the year have been 27,959. The highest attendance on a pay day was 423, the day of our most numerously attended concert, and the highest attendance on a free day was 1,052, on Dec. 26th.

The Committee's estimate as to the annual cost of the Gallery is again justified by the facts, the deficiency amounting to £202, as against £209 last year. Little or nothing has been required in the way of repairs to the building, and the establishment charges have been kept down to the lowest figure compatible with efficiency of management. The Sales of Pictures this year amount to £363 14s. 0d., as against £350 6s. 0d. last year.

The Autumn Exhibition last year opened on Sept. 19th, and closed on Jan. 25th. It was visited by 13,095 persons. The Art Union in connection with it was well supported, and yielded £88 16s. as against £76 1s.

The Spring Exhibition lasted from Feb. 9th to May 25th, and was visited by 7,990 persons. It was of a rather higher character than usual, several important London artists contributing pictures; and the Committee are further indebted to Mr. Councillor Clemson, Mr. T. C. Simmonds, Mr. W. Seth Smith, and Mr. E. Crosland (of Nottingham) for the loan of interesting pictures. The President and Council of the Royal Academy also lent Waterlow's picture "Galway Gossips" from the Chantrey Bequest Pictures.

The Summer Exhibition this year consisted of Photographs. Many of the best Photographic Artists in the kingdom exhibited, and the Exhibition which lasted ten weeks, from June 10th to Aug. 20th, was visited by 6,874 persons. Mr. W. England, of London, and Mr. H. J. Whitlock of Birmingham, were again the Judges, and their awards gave general satisfaction.

The Autumn Exhibition now on view in the Gallery was opened on Sept. 18th, when His Worship the Mayor (Mr. Councillor Woodiwiss, J.P.) gave a Conversazione at which about 600 guests were present, who much appreciated his kindly hospitality. The gathering was a great success, and

the best thanks of the Committee are due to His Worship for the interest he has always shown in the prosperity of the Art Gallery. The number of pictures exhibited is rather less than last year, but there is no falling off in quality or in public interest, 4,668 persons having visited the Gallery during the first five weeks, and eleven pictures of the value of £151 having already been sold.

The fourth series of Popular Concerts took place on the Saturday evenings of last winter. They were attended by 4,084 persons, who paid £54 2s. for admission. The net cost of the series was £23 18s., so that they yielded a profit of £30 4s. The concerts were not so numerously attended on the whole as in the previous year. Their success has led to the organisation of concerts similar in character in other places on the same evenings. The best thanks of the Committee are due to the Curator for his trouble in organising and arranging these pleasant evenings, and to all those ladies and gentlemen, too numerous to mention, who have given their services.

The usual change of objects in the South Kensington cases was effected in December last: they are of a highly attractive character, and such as are likely to be a valuable aid to the art and industry of the town. Through the good offices of Sir Philip Cunliffe Owen, an additional case has been filled with early Cyprian pottery and glass, and the fine collection of Chinese and Japanese objects belonging to Lady Hart, which was for some time on view at South Kensington Museum, has by her Ladyship's kindness been transferred to our Gallery. The thanks of the Committee are also due to Mr. W. Bemrose, J.P., for his loan collection of Indian metal work; to the Rev. T. R. Stevenson, of Shanghai, for his Indian and Cingalese curiosities; to Canon Olivier and Mr. F. J. Robinson for their Derbyshire vases; to Mr. and Mrs. Maw, of Tenant Street, for their specimens of Derby China; and last, but not least, to Mr. Felix Joseph, of Brighton, for the loan of a portion of his matchless collection of Wedgwood ware.

In conclusion, the Committee think that the town may be congratulated on the increasing interest which is being manifested in art, to which the Art Gallery cannot have failed to contribute. They are glad to note its increasing usefulness and popularity, and the small cost to the town at which it is maintained; and they will rejoice when they feel they are in a financial position largely to extend its educational benefits, by throwing it entirely open.

On behalf of the Committee,

WM. BEMROSE,

Nov. 4th, 1889. CHAIRMAN.

TABLE I.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	1 No. of Volumes in Library September, 1888.	2 Volumes lost and paid for.	3 Volumes Totally Lost.	4 Volumes Withdrawn as worn out.	5 Total.	Stock Reduced as per Column 5.	No. of Books Replaced.	No. of New Books.	Present Library Stock 1889.	Total Increase in each Class.
Arts and Sciences	1375	...	...	9	9	1366	15	22	1403	28
Law and Politics	178	...	...	...	...	178	5	9	192	14
Natural History	322	...	...	...	...	322	...	11	333	11
Poetry and Drama	469	...	...	4	4	465	6	19	490	21
Theology and Philosophy	739	...	...	...	...	739	...	14	753	14
Light Literature	5079	4	2	707	713	4366	752	331	5449	370
History, Travels, and Biography ...	4765	...	...	8	8	4757	13	115	4885	120
Miscellaneous	1300	...	1	43	44	1256	7	68	1331	31
Totals	14227	4	3	771	778	13449	798	589	14836	609

TABLE II.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

SHOWING THE MONTHLY ISSUE IN EACH CLASS, THE NUMBER OF DAYS THE LIBRARY WAS OPEN, THE TOTAL VOLUMES ISSUED, AND THE DAILY AVERAGE.

MONTH.	No. of Days Open.	Science and Art.	Politics and Commerce.	Natural History.	Theology and Philosophy.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, and Travel.	Miscellaneous.	Total.	Daily Average of Volumes.
1888.											
October	22	297	10	60	83	124	9217	745	590	11126	506
November	24	329	5	45	124	154	10238	856	683	12434	518
December	22	260	12	36	99	91	9095	679	606	10878	494
1889.											
January	22	267	20	52	77	134	9444	794	601	11389	518
February	22	295	13	35	67	112	10397	856	643	12418	564
March	23	308	29	60	99	126	11541	966	654	13783	599
April	19½	266	15	55	88	87	9670	654	481	11316	580
May	22½	273	5	49	73	88	9752	627	510	11377	505
June	21½	208	2	30	53	87	7939	474	429	9222	429
July	11½	71	2	20	21	27	3388	208	153	3890	338
August	16½	189	6	39	25	39	5634	328	283	6543	397
September	23	248	3	42	78	77	8782	534	416	10180	443
	249½	3011	122	523	887	1146	105097	7721	6049	124556	499

TABLE III.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	No. of Vols. in Library September, 1888.	Vols. withdrawn, worn out.	Additions during the year.	Present Library Stock, 1889.
Arts and Sciences	1645	...	40	1685
Law and Politics	216	...	6	222
Natural History	462	...	30	492
Poetry and Drama	153	...	2	155
Theology and Philosophy	254	...	3	257
Light Literature...	63	...	...	63
History, Travels, Biography, &c.	1465	...	36	1501
Miscellaneous	1137	30	24	1131
Devonshire Library	1181	...	5	1186
Patent Library	2019	...	114	2133
Total	8595	30	260	8825

Pamphlets not included in the above.

TABLE IV.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

SHOWING THE MONTHLY ISSUE IN EACH CLASS, THE NUMBER OF DAYS THE LIBRARY WAS OPEN, THE TOTAL VOLUMES ISSUED, AND THE DAILY AVERAGE.

Month.	No. of Days Open.	Science and Art.	Politics and Commerce.	Natural History.	Theology and Philosophy.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, and Travel.	Miscellaneous.	Patent Library.	Books for Blind.	Devonshire Library.	Total.	Daily Average of Volumes.
1888.														
October	24	463	17	41	45	11	112	202	1571	148	...	23	2633	110
November ...	26	524	68	47	43	53	85	357	1942	151	...	...	3270	126
December ...	24	375	71	32	28	14	78	246	1506	21	...	...	2371	99
1889.														
January	24	382	9	28	28	26	61	241	1604	34	...	...	2413	101
February ...	24	390	6	41	43	19	71	307	1711	86	...	...	2674	111
March	26	384	10	40	56	36	38	214	1495	135	...	...	2408	92
April	21	290	3	26	41	22	14	151	983	9	...	...	1539	74
May..	27	263	...	50	21	49	23	167	818	68	...	...	1459	54
June	23	126	2	14	27	21	20	146	451	...	...	...	807	35
July.....	16	75	5	34	28	9	9	47	384	...	...	...	591	37
August	18	167	7	45	10	9	32	142	707	20	...	...	1139	63
September ...	24½	275	8	47	35	17	73	136	1291	36	...	...	1918	78
Total.....	277½	3714	206	445	405	286	616	2356	14463	708	...	23	23222	84

TABLE V.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Month.	No. of New Borrowers.		No. of Cards Cancelled.	No. of Overdue Books written for.	No. of Books Rebound.	No. of Books Repaired.
	Males.	Females.				
1888.						
October	97	28	7	75	155	32
November	85	38	4	59	...	...
December	58	21	8	61	...	399
1889.						
January	83	28	11	95	...	231
February	92	39	10	97	...	550
March	66	33	15	35	...	1016
April	41	12	18	64	357	425
May	52	14	9	138	...	568
June	41	20	14	69	30	388
July	10	5	9	600	...	654
August	62	33	4	...	403	379
September	67	37	4	34	...	135
Totals	754	308	113	1327	945	4777

Approximate Total No. of Borrowers' Tickets now in force ... 5,800.

TABLE VI.

Occupations of the Last Thousand of the New Borrowers.

Accountants	5
Agents and Collectors ...	5
Apprentices and Shop Assistants	41
Architects and Surveyors ...	3
Artists and Draughtsmen ...	12
Bailiff	1
Bakers and Confectioners ...	5
Basket-maker	1
Blind-makers	2
Boiler-makers	3
Bookbinders, Printers, and Compositors	13
Booksellers and Stationers ...	2
Boot and Shoe-makers ...	5
Brass-founders...	4
Bricklayers and Masons ...	4
Brush-makers	3
Builders, Cabinet-makers, Carpenters, Joiners, and Upholsterers	26
Butchers	12
Carriage-builders	14
Chemists and Druggists ...	6
Clergymen and Ministers ...	8
Clerks and Book-keepers ...	93
Coal-merchants	3
Commercial Travellers ...	8
Cook	1
Corn Merchants	2
Curriers	3
Cutlers	2
Dairyman	1
Domestic Servants	12
Drapers	13
Dyer	1
Engineers, Smiths, Fitters, Moulders, and Engine Drivers	55
Errand and Office-boys ...	35
Factory Hands	44
Fishing Tackle Manufacturer	1
Gardeners and Greengrocers ...	3
Grocers and Provision-dealers	15
Groom	1
Hairdressers	2
Hardware-dealers	3
Housekeepers...	6
Inland Revenue Officers ...	2
Inspectors	4
Labourers	22
Managers	4
Medical Practitioners... ...	5
Miller	1
Milliners and Dressmakers ...	28
Musicians	7
Nurses...	4
Pattern-makers	2
Painters, Plumbers, Paper Hangers, &c.	20
Pawnbrokers	2
Petrifactioner	1
Photographers	2
Policemen	5
Porters (General)	5
Postman	1
Publicans	3
Railway Employes	13
Registrar	1
Rope-maker	1
Saddlers	2
Sawyers	2
Scholars and Students ...	70
Soldiers	3
Solicitor	1
Surgical Bandage-makers ...	3
Sweep	1
Tailors, Hosiers, &c.	23
Teachers and Pupil Teachers	49
Telegraphists	4
Telegraph Messengers ...	7
Tin Plate Worker	1
Tram Car Driver	1
Tobacconist	1
Turners	11
Waiters	7
Watchman	1
No Occupation	201
	1000

TABLE VII.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

COMPARATIVE RETURNS.

	1888.	1889.
Lending Library Replacements	64	798
New Books	524	589
Total Books	14227	14836
„ Issues	130314	124556
Average Daily Issue...	504	499
Turnover of each Volume	9.30	8.4
Reference Library...		
New Books	219	260
Total Books	8595	8825
„ Issues	27917	23222
Average Daily Issue...	97	84
New Borrowers	1174	1062
Total Borrowers (approximate)	5500	5800
Cards Cancelled	121	113
Overdue Books written for	1244	1327
Books Rebound and Repaired	3545	5722

Donations to the Library.

Anonymous—Oxford Philosophy Adapted.

Anti-Vivisection Society—Man's Injustice to Animals.

Bell, George, & Co.—Catalogue of the Stuart Exhibition.

Bemrose, Alderman H. H.—Transactions of the Sanitary Institute, 6 volumes.

Björling, Philip (Author)—Pumps, their History and Construction.

Burrough, Miss—Life of Dr. Marsh; Tales of the Caliphs, 2 copies.

Cambridge University (Correspondence College)—35 Numbers of their Publications.

Canada, High Commissioners for—Statistical Abstract of the Record for the Dominion.

Cassell & Co., Messrs.—Their Illustrated Almanack.

Cobbe, Miss Frances Power—The Modern Rack, 2 copies.

Commissioners of Patents—112 Vols. of Specifications of Patents; Alphabetical and Subject Matter Indexes for 1888.

Commissioner (Per J. H. R.)—Australian Irrigation Colonies.

Council of Colonial Institute—Proceedings of the Royal Colonial Institute.

Fisk, Francis (Editor)—Skyring's Builders' Prices, 1889; Adcock's Engineers' Pocket Book.

Fryer, Dr. A. C.—Toots, 2 copies.

Guanon, (per Wyman and Sons).—St. George and the Dragon.

Halliwell-Phillips, J. O., M.A. (Author)—Outlines of the Life of Shakespeare, 2 vols.; Shakespeare Memoranda, 3 vols.

Harcourt, Sir Wm., M.P., (per Mr. Wm. Hall)—Two parcels of Colonial and Foreign Office Reports; Sundry Blue Books.

Heywood, Mr. John—British Industries in Danger; Commercial Federation.

Hobson, Mr. Alderman, J.P.—Musical Anecdotes.

Hore, Rev. H. (Author)—The Church in England, 2 vols.

Library Reports from Aston, Aberdeen, Barrow-in-Furness, Battersea, Blackburn, Bootle, Birkenhead, Bolton, Blackpool, Bradford, Birmingham, Brighton, Cheltenham, Chelsea, Chester, Cardiff, Cambridge, Clitheroe, Coventry, Darlington, Doncaster, Dundee, Ealing, Exeter, Folkestone, Glasgow, Guernsey, Handsworth, Halifax, Hanley, Hereford, Kidderminster, Leamington, Leeds, Leicester, Liverpool, Manchester, Middlesborough, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Northwich, Norwich, Nottingham, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Preston, Reading, Richmond, Rochdale, Rotherham, Salford, Sheffield, Southport, South Shields, Smethwick, Stafford, St. Helen's, Stockport, Stoke-on-Trent, Sunderland, Swansea, Tynemouth, Walsall, Wandsworth, Wednesbury, West Bromwich, Wigan, Wolverhampton, Yarmouth.

Lloyd, Francis and Wm. Newton (Authors), per Trübner and Co.—Prussia's Representative Man.

Oakes, T. Haden, J.P.—Sundry old Books.

Paterson, J., M.A.—Liberty of the Subject, &c.; Liberty of the Press, &c.; Curiosities of Law and Lawyers.

Peruvian Government (per H. Guillaume, Vice-Consul)—Peru and its Resources.

Registrar, The—Calendar of the University College of Wales (Aberystwith).

Scales and Sons—Industries of Yorkshire.

Trustees of British Museum—Catalogues of Gems in B. M.; Chelonians; Fossil Fishes; Marsupialia; Fossil Cephalopoda.

Donations to the Museum.

Boden, Walter—Relics from Franco-German War.

Clemson, A. W.—Pike caught at Weston-on-Trent.

Estate Committee, Derby Corporation—Old Derby Football, taken from the players in 1846.

Foulds, Dr.—Water Ouzel or Dipper.

Guerritore, Madame (Naples)—Specimens of Lava from Mount Vesuvius; Collection of Dried Plants.

Hope, Captain, R.N.—Penguin.

Holden, C. W.—Tasmanian Eagle.

Scantlebury, Mrs.—Sword found at Swarkestone Bridge in 1745.

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS.

Derby Free

Abstract of the Accounts for the

Dr. REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS

	£	s.	d
To Joiner's, Plumber's, and Gas Fitter's Work	14	16	3
„ Painting and Decorating Lending Library	60	16	0
„ Painting outside of Library and Palisading	17	12	0
„ Painting and Papering Librarian's House...	11	5	10
	£104	10	1

SALARIES AND

To W. Crowther, Chief Librarian and Curator	200	0	0
„ Charles Courtney, Assistant Ditto...	78	0	0
„ J. A. Miller „ „	65	0	0
„ Arthur Bates „ „ (30 weeks)	12	3	0
„ George Moore „ „ (28 weeks)	11	8	0
„ E. Crowther „ „ (27 weeks)	8	5	0
„ R. H. Mead „ „ (20 weeks)	6	0	0
„ H. M. Haywood, Committee Clerk	40	0	0
„ Porter's Wages, and Assistant Cleaners	66	2	0
	£486	18	0

LIBRARY

To New Books	218	12	3
„ Binding and Repairing Books	208	16	5
„ Binding Materials	4	16	7
„ Palæontographical Society Reports	1	1	0
„ Printing Notices	2	15	0
„ London Directory	1	3	6
	£437	4	9

Library, &c.

Year ending September 28th, 1889.

TO PREMISES ACCOUNT. Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Free Library Rate Account	104	10	1
	£104	10	1

WAGES ACCOUNT.

By Free Library Rate Account	486	18	0
	£486	18	0

ACCOUNT.

By Sale of Catalogues...	3	5	2
„ Fines upon Readers for Detention of Books	50	19	8
„ Fees for New Tickets and Post Cards	8	9	1
„ Lost and Damaged Books	1	2	9½
„ Free Library Rate Account	373	8	0½
	£437	4	9

Dr.

READING AND NEWS

	£	s.	d.
To Magazines and Periodicals	30	18	1
„ Newspapers, Illustrated Papers, &c.	55	13	9
	£86	11	10

MUSEUM

To Cabinet of British Birds' Eggs	20	0	0
„ Kangaroo and Case Purchased	3	16	3
„ Taxidermist's work	4	4	0
„ Minerals and Labels for same	6	13	0
„ Specialist for naming shells	2	2	0
	£36	15	3

FREE LIBRARY

To Balance brought forward (being amount borrowed for the formation of the old Institution and owing as a loan)	500	0	0
	£500	0	0

SINKING FUND

To Balance carried forward	300	0	0
	£300	0	0

DERBY

To Free Library Rate at One Farthing in the £, one Quarter to 25th December, 1888	375	0	0
„ Ditto, Quarter ending 25th March, 1889	375	0	0
„ Ditto, Quarter ending 24th June, 1889	375	0	0
„ Ditto, Quarter ending 29th September, 1889	385	0	0
	£1510	0	0

LOAN

To Interest on Loan of £500, less Tax, one year to 29th September, 1889	21	17	2
„ Balance carried forward, being loan owing	500	0	0
	£521	17	2

ROOMS ACCOUNT. Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Sale of Old Newspapers, &c.	3	17	7½
„ Free Library Rate Account	82	14	2½
	£86	11	10

ACCOUNT.

By Free Library Rate Account	36	15	3
	£36	15	3

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

By Balance carried forward	500	0	0
	£500	0	0

ACCOUNT.

By Balance brought forward	200	0	0
„ Further amount in hand towards re-payment of loan to John Payne	100	0	0
	£300	0	0

CORPORATION.

By Treasurer, Free Library Rate granted Nov. 9th, 1888 ...	375	0	0
„ Ditto, granted February 6th, 1889	375	0	0
„ Ditto, granted May 1st, 1889	375	0	0
„ Ditto, granted August 7th, 1889...	385	0	0
	£1510	0	0

ACCOUNT.

By Balance brought forward, being Loan advanced by John Payne	500	0	0
„ Free Library Rate Account	21	17	2
	£521	17	2

Dr. **ESTABLISHMENT**

	£	s.	d.
To Gas	98	6	4
„ Water	9	5	7
„ Coal	29	19	7
„ Fire Insurance	26	0	0
„ Ironmongery	3	14	2
„ Planting, &c., in Garden	7	5	3
„ Petty Cash Payments by Librarian	23	3	9
„ Printing Annual Reports	7	15	0
„ Various Printing, Stationery, and Advertising	26	4	10
„ Cleaning Windows	12	0	0
„ Property Tax and House Duty	1	17	6
„ Miscellaneous Expenses	5	9	4
„ Commission charged by Bankers	1	13	11
„ Clothing for Porter	4	4	6
„ Winding Clock	3	0	0
„ New Chairs	10	19	0
„ Brass Dater and Letter Files	4	13	4
	£275	12	1

RATE

To Repairs and Alterations to Premises	104	10	1
„ Salaries and Wages	486	18	0
„ Library	373	8	0½
„ Reading and News Rooms	82	14	2½
„ Museum	36	15	3
„ Loan (Interest)	21	17	2
„ Establishment	271	0	5
„ Sinking Fund	100	0	0
„ Balance	57	12	9
	£1534	15	11

BALANCE

To Treasurer, Sinking Fund	300	0	0			
„ Balance	57	12	9			
				357	12	9
„ Free Library and Museum Capital Account				500	0	0
				£857	12	9

ACCOUNT. Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Derby Mechanics' Institute, Acknowledgment for Encroachment	0	1	0
„ Interest allowed by Bankers	4	10	8
„ Free Library Rate Account	271	0	5
	£275	12	1

ACCOUNT.

By Balance brought forward	24	15	11
„ Quarterly Rates granted by the Derby Town Council ...	1510	0	0
	£1534	15	11

SHEET.

By Free Library and Museum	57	12	9
„ Sinking Fund	300	0	0
„ Payne, John, Loan Account	500	0	0
	£857	12	9

H. M. HAYWOOD, Clerk.

We have examined the several Accounts of the Derby Free Library and Museum, for the year ending September 28th, 1889, and hereby certify that they are correct.

Dated this 28th day of October, 1889.

WATSON, SOWTER & Co., *Auditors appointed by the Corporation.*

BENJAMIN BRINDLEY, *Auditor appointed by the Burgesses.*

W. H. MARSDEN, *Auditor appointed by the Mayor.*

Derby Corporation

Abstract of the Accounts for the

Dr.

WAGES

	£	s.	d.
To Wages to Attendant at Turnstile and Charwoman ...	80	18	6
	£80	18	6

REPAIRS AND

To Plumber's Work	2	1	6
	£2	1	6

MEDAL COMPETITION

To Silver and Bronze Medals, Engraving same and New Cases	11	10	5
	£11	10	5

COLLECTION AND CARRIAGE OF

To Collection & Carriage of Pictures, &c., and obtaining Loans	128	12	3
	£128	12	3

ESTABLISHMENT

To Insurance	4	13	8
„ Gas	18	15	2
„ Coal...	3	18	0
„ Ironmongery	1	6	3
„ Advertising	3	16	0
„ Printing, Stationery, and Posting	33	3	6
„ Printing Catalogues	28	10	6
„ Hire of Piano and Tuning same for Concerts	10	3	0
„ Petty Cash Payments by Curator	12	7	5
„ Interest and Commission charged by Bankers	7	2	6
„ Property Tax	2	10	0
„ Expenses of Judges	4	6	6
	£130	12	6

Art Gallery.

Year ending September 28th, 1889.

ACCOUNT.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Art Gallery Account	80	18	6
	£80	18	6

ALTERATIONS ACCOUNT.

By Art Gallery Account	2	1	6
	£2	1	6

ACCOUNT.

By Keene, R., Medal subscribed for	0	14	0
„ Art Gallery Account	10	16	5
	£11	10	5

PICTURES AND LOANS ACCOUNT.

By Art Gallery Account	128	12	3
	£128	12	3

ACCOUNT.

By Advertisements in Catalogues	24	3	0
„ Art Gallery Account	106	9	6
	£130	12	6

Dr. DERBY CORPORATION

	£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward	209	2	8
	£209	2	8

ART GALLERY

To Wages	80	18	6
„ Repairs and Alterations	2	1	6
„ Medal Competition	10	16	5
„ Collection and Carriage of Pictures, &c.	128	12	3
„ Establishment	106	9	6
	£328	18	2

BALANCE

To Art Gallery Account (Deficiency)...	201	19	11
	£201	19	11

ACCOUNT. Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Derby Corporation, Amount owing to Banker at 29th September, 1888	209	2	8
	£209	2	8

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

By AUTUMN EXHIBITION, 1888-9.

Receipts at Turnstile	52	17	8			
Catalogues sold...	5	3	5			
Hire of Piano	1	1	0			
Commission on Pictures sold	10	17	6			
				69	19	7

,, SPRING EXHIBITION, 1889.

Receipts at Turnstile	31	14	3			
Catalogues sold...	2	16	11			
Commission on Pictures sold	7	5	3			
				41	16	5

,, SUMMER EXHIBITION, 1889.

Receipts at Turnstile	13	0	0			
Catalogues sold...	2	2	3			
				15	2	3
,, Balance (deficiency)				201	19	11
				£328	18	2

SHEET.

By Treasurer (amount owing)	201	19	11
	£201	19	11

H. M. HAYWOOD, Clerk.

We have examined the several Accounts of the Derby Art Gallery for the year ended 28th September, 1889, and hereby certify that they are correct.

Dated this 28th day of October, 1889.

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BRITISH MUSEUM

DERBY:

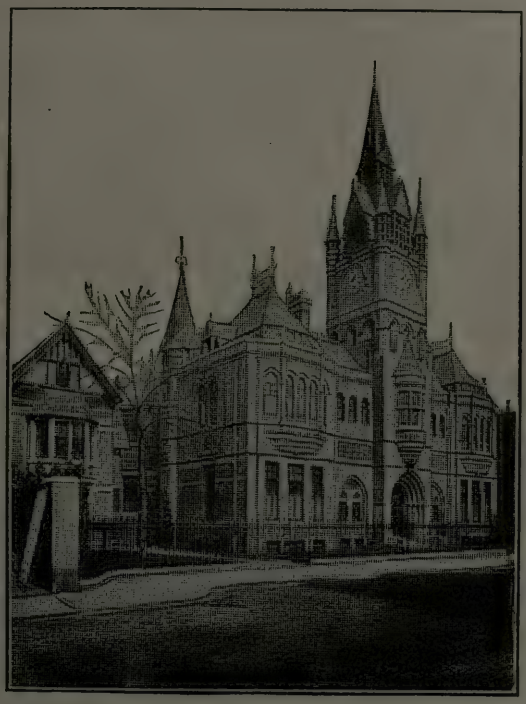
PRINTED BY RICHARD KEENE.

Borough of Derby.

NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT of the COMMITTEE

OF THE

DERBY FREE LIBRARY & MUSEUM,



BRITISH MUSEUM
NATURAL HISTORY

AND EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

ART GALLERY COMMITTEE.

PRESENTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL,

NOVEMBER 10TH, 1890.

DERBY: HARPUR, PRINTER, EAST STREET.

BOROUGH OF DERBY.

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1890.

List of Committees and Officials.

Library and Museum Committee.

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Mr. Alderman HOBSON, J.P., Chairman.

Mr. Alderman LONGDON, J.P.
" " RUSSELL, J.P.
Mr. Councillor BOTTOMLEY.
" " CHOLERTON.
" " FOULDS.
" " GENTLES.
" " SUTHERLAND.
" " WINTER.
" " WRIGHT.
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Mr. W. BEMROSE, J.P.
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" ALEX. BUCHANAN, J.P.
" S. COURT.
" W. J. PIPER.
" A. H. STOKES, A.M., F.G.S.
Dr. CARTER WIGG.
Mr. JOHN WILLS.

Art Gallery Committee.

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Mr. Alderman HOBSON, J.P.
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" " BATTERSBY.
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" T. C. SIMMONDS.
" GEO. TURNER.

Librarian and Curator.

Mr. WILLIAM CROWTHER.

Clerk.

Mr. H. M. HAYWOOD.

Assistant Librarians.

Miss J. A. MILLER.
Miss ETHEL J. CROWTHER.
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JOHN W. HEARNDEN.

Art Gallery Attendant.

W. JOHNSON.

Porter.

GEORGE PULLEN.

BOROUGH OF DERBY.

NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Free Library and Museum Committee,

For the Year ending September 29th, 1890.

THE Free Library and Museum Committee have great pleasure in presenting their Nineteenth Annual Report, and, in doing so, congratulate the Council on the completion of another year of usefulness and prosperity.

There is nothing special to report concerning the history of the Library and Museum during the year just closed, the aim of the Committee having been rather to perfect the work of the Institution on its present lines than to initiate anything new or startling. The work has gone steadily forward, and everything has been kept up to date, the Committee having expended a very large sum on New Books. 1,520 new works have been added, of which 1,180 are entirely new, and 340 are replacements. 322 of these have been placed in the Reference Department, many of them very valuable; and the Book Committee have taken special care that books on scientific subjects should contain the results of the most modern research.

The Building is in a good state of repair, and no painting or cleaning has been necessary in any part. The Heating apparatus has been thoroughly overhauled and re-modelled, and when a few minor matters have been attended to, will be a very great improvement on that hitherto existing. The Lighting in the corridor and delivery room has been much improved, and the Committee are now turning their attention to improving the light in the reading rooms by means of reflectors. They will be very glad when the time arrives for introducing

the Electric Light at a moderate cost, thereby securing a purer atmosphere and less destruction of the bindings of the books, as well as a better light.

Reference to the subjoined accounts will show how the income of the Library has been expended. The establishment charges have been kept as low as efficient working permits; a fourth instalment of £100 has been added to the sinking fund formed for the extinction of the debt of £500 incurred when the Institution was founded; and when all the money voted to the Book Committee has been expended, a sum of £505 will have been spent on the Library proper, against £373 last year. The £90 which the alterations to the heating apparatus was estimated to cost has been kept in hand because the contract was not quite completed.

The Report of the Chief Librarian, and the complete statistical information appended to it, fully supply any additional information which may be required concerning the working of the Institution; and the Committee have much pleasure in recording their complete satisfaction with the way in which the entire staff carry out that work.

The Committee desire, in conclusion, gratefully to acknowledge the many valuable donations made during the past year, and to express once more the opinion that the Public Library and Museum are doing their excellent work thoroughly and economically, and with incalculable benefit to the community at large.

On behalf of the Committee,

WILLIAM HOBSON,

CHAIRMAN.

October 30th, 1890.

To the Chairman and Members of the Derby Free Library and Museum Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

I have much pleasure in submitting to you my Fifth Annual Report.

The Lending Library now contains 15,594 books, against 14,836 last year, and the issues have amounted to 129,269, against 124,556. The average daily issue is six lower than last year, but taking into account the gradual withdrawal of three volume novels, and the substitution of books in one volume, there is rather an increase than a decrease in the *works* issued. The Reference Library stock now numbers 9,079 volumes, against 8,825 last year, but the total issue has fallen from 23,222 to 17,380, and the average daily issue from 84 to 59. This is entirely accounted for by the withdrawal of all the worn-out bound volumes of the *Illustrated London News* and *Graphic*, the issues of which were counted in the Reference Library returns. There is no serious diminution in the numbers of those who consult the more important portions of the Reference Department. The daily average issue in the Lending Department varies from 566 in April to 373 in July, and in the Reference Department from 80 in October to 39 in May and July.

In the Lending Library 427 volumes have been withdrawn as worn out: of these 340 have been replaced. The places of some have been declared vacant, and others will be re-purchased as opportunity arises. Nine volumes have been lost and paid for, and four totally lost. The new books amount to 858, which include the most recent works in science, biography, and travels; and plenty of good, healthy reading for boys and girls. The additions to the Reference Library number 322 volumes, and include some of the most valuable works of the day.

A new Supplementary Catalogue has been prepared during the past year, and was issued to the public in August last. It deals with about 4,700 volumes. A glance at this will show the character of all the books added in recent years, and bear eloquent testimony to the

care exercised by the Book Committee. A Catalogue of the "Devonshire" Library of local books, which has hitherto only existed in manuscript, is in active preparation, and will form an interesting and valuable addition.

I am again able to report favourably on the way the books are used; and there has been considerable improvement in many respects. We still occasionally meet with stupid marginal notes, more often reflecting the vacuity of the reader's mind than an intelligent understanding of the text; but in this matter there is a marked improvement. I am still forced to believe that all readers do not use the books with perfectly clean hands, and certain unmistakable signs show that the habit of reading at meals has not altogether died out; but on the whole there is very little to complain of. Among damaged books, we have had during the past year one which had been soaked in a bucket of water, one burnt through with cigar ash, and one worried by a dog. It is only fair to add, that in all these cases the damage was cheerfully paid for by the borrower. I believe that most of the borrowers fully appreciate the value of the Library, and exercise all reasonable care in the treatment of the books. One very gratifying feature during the past year is the marked decline in the number of overdue books which had to be written for. The number of books bespoken by the payment of one penny has increased from 1,005 to 1,204.

In Table VII. the annual turnover of each volume in the Library is given as 8·3. This is somewhat misleading, as very many books seldom or ever go out, and with books really in active use the turnover is much greater. It will be interesting from several points of view to notice the circulation of the following typical books during the past year, each selected as a good representative of its class:—

	COPIES.	TIMES.
Sir W. Scott—"Ivanhoe"	3 ...	105
Charles Dickens—"David Copperfield" ...	4 ...	111
W. M. Thackeray—"Vanity Fair" ...	2 ...	78
Edna Lyall—"Donovan"	3 ...	122
Mrs. H. Ward—"Robert Elsmere" ...	3 ...	118
F. M. Crawford—"Saracinesca"	3 ...	114
Mrs. H. Wood—"The Channings" ...	5 ...	130
Miss Worboise—"Overdale"	3 ...	120
G. A. Henty—"A Final Reckoning" ...	2 ...	120
Jules Verne—"Abandoned"	3 ...	122

These figures speak for themselves.

During the period which has elapsed since my last report, 1,168

new borrowers have been enrolled, 757 males and 411 females, whose occupations I have tabulated as usual. The borrowers are distributed over the various wards as follows, the second column showing the number who ought to come from each ward in proportion to the population.

WARD.	Actual number of Borrowers.	Number according to Population.
Arboretum	113	150
Babington	140	125
Becket	214	186
Castle	99	123
Derwent	47	65
Friar Gate	121	111
Kings Mead	121	150
Litchurch	145	90

Becket, Babington, Friar Gate, and Litchurch Wards furnish more than their quota of readers, the last-named remarkably so, and the other four wards fall below their fair share.

The arrangement referred to in my last report with regard to infected houses is still carried out, and works well. All books which have been in infected houses have been destroyed, and the public may have all confidence that the Library is not a means of spreading contagious diseases.

The News Room and Reference Room continue to be extensively used, and no complaint can be made of the conduct of those who resort thither. In the evenings the News Rooms are always full, and I have very rarely indeed to draw attention to the regulations enforcing silence.

I have not been able to do nearly as much in the Museum as I hoped to have done during the year; but, with the exception of the Geological collection, everything is in good order. The naming of the specimens is all but completed, and if I can only get time, a few weeks should see everything in order. The Committee may rely on my best efforts in this direction.

Mr. C. J. Courtney, who had been in the service of the Committee for nearly eighteen years, received the appointment of Librarian at the Minet Library, Camberwell, in May last. His services were always cheerfully and willingly rendered; and the appointment of Mr. W. H. Walton, as his successor, will, I am sure, secure the Committee another zealous and faithful servant. Of the rest of the staff, I can only speak

in the same high terms as it has been my pleasure to use in past years. I have to repeat my thanks for the kindly interest always shown by the local Press in all that tends to the welfare of the Institution; and, lastly, to express the deep obligation under which I am to the Chairman and every other Member of the Committee for their hearty co-operation and kindly sympathy with me in every department of my work.

The usual tables will be found following this report, in which fully detailed information as to the working of the Library will be found. Some few additional particulars have been given in conformity with the recommendations of the Library Association of the United Kingdom.

I remain, Gentlemen,
Yours obediently,

W. CROWTHER,
LIBRARIAN AND CURATOR.

October 30th, 1890.

EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Corporation Art Gallery Committee.

THE Art Gallery Committee have great pleasure in presenting their Eighth Annual Report. The Gallery has been open on 249 days, and the attendance compares with that of last year as shown in the following table:—

	1888-9.	1889-90.
Visitors to Autumn Exhibition	13095	12776
,, Spring ,, ...	7990	12540
,, Summer ,, ...	6874	5958
Total Visitors	27959	31274
Total Days Open by Payment	217	206
,, ,, Free	45	43
Total Days Open	262	249
Average on Paying Days	65	70·7
,, Free Days	307·7	388·5

It will be seen from the above that the number of visitors exceeded those of last year by 3315, although the Exhibition was open 13 days less, while the average daily attendance has also increased—that on the free day by 25 per cent. The highest daily attendance when admission was by payment was on May 26th, Whit-Monday—449; and the highest on a free day was on Whit-Tuesday, when 1267 visitors attended. Other popular holidays ran these numbers very close.

The Committee regret to report an increase in the sum required to meet the deficiency as compared with several previous years; but various reasons have contributed to this. Necessary repairs and alterations have absorbed nearly £40, as against £2 last year; and three exhibitions have been collected and despatched from London, instead of two. The Committee have exercised every possible economy compatible with the efficient carrying on of the Gallery, which is proving itself year by year more popular, and of greater use to the ratepayers. The picture sales during the year reached the sum of £714 1s. 6d., against £363 14s. last year.

The Art Union in connection with the last Autumn Exhibition was a great success, realising £110, against £88 16s. last year. The Committee intend having an Art Union again this year.

The Spring Exhibition was one of exceptional merit, as a few attractive pictures by prominent London artists were again added to the usual local exhibits. The President and Council of the Royal Academy lent Professor Herkomer's picture of the "Chapel of the Charterhouse," which was a very great attraction.

The Summer Exhibition consisted of works in black and white. Beside those coming direct from the artists, the Committee were indebted to the following gentlemen for valuable contributions:—The Proprietors of the *Graphic* and *Art Journal*, Messrs. Boussod, Valadon, & Co., Messrs. Cassell & Co., Messrs. H. Graves & Co., and Mr. J. P. Mendoza. These loans were locally supplemented by pictures kindly lent by Messrs. A. O. Deacon, H. Gregory, G. Holme, Jun., F. J. Robinson, and W. W. Winter. The result was a very attractive Exhibition.

The Autumn Exhibition now on view was opened on September 15th. His Worship the Mayor (Mr. Councillor Heathcote, J.P.) gave the customary Conversazione on October 29th, when about six hundred guests assembled. The gathering was a most successful one, and the Committee's best thanks are due to the Mayor for the kindly interest taken in the Institution. The present Exhibition already outstrips all its predecessors in the numbers visiting it, over 7,000 having already passed the turnstiles.

The objects on loan from South Kensington were changed in December last. The Museum authorities showed, as usual, their ready inclination to meet the wishes of the Committee as to the class of objects sent, and beside a case of beautiful electrotypes, have sent woodcarvings, wrought iron work, Oriental tiles, and specimens of lace. These have all been of great value, and have been made the fullest use of by the students of the School of Art and others for copying purposes.

The fifth annual series of Saturday Evening Concerts consisted of 15 concerts only, but these were well attended, and created the usual interest. 2369 persons attended, who paid £29 6s. 3d. for admission. The expense attending the concerts was £13 13s. 6d., so that they yielded a profit of £15 12s. 9d. The Curator, and all those ladies and gentlemen who so kindly assisted him in organising and carrying these pleasant evenings to a successful issue, deserve the best thanks of the Committee.

The Committee, through the lamented death of Mr. Joseph Courtney, in February last, lost a faithful servant. He had been gate attendant at the Art Gallery since its foundation, and his fidelity and zeal in the service of the Committee were beyond all praise. The Committee believe they have been fortunate in securing the services of Sergeant W. Johnson as his successor.

While the steady progress of the Gallery from year to year is matter for congratulation, there is one matter connected with its past year's history which it gives the Committee special pleasure to report, and on which the Council and the town at large are to be specially felicitated; and that is the splendid series of gifts of Derby china from Mr. Felix Joseph. This gentleman, whose name has long been famous in the art world, and who is specially distinguished in the Midlands for his handsome gifts and loans to the Castle Museum, at Nottingham, happened to come to Derby in the September of last year, and paid a visit to the Art Gallery. He was so pleased with what he saw there, that, although entirely unconnected with the town by family or business ties, he formed the resolution of presenting to the Gallery what he saw it stood in need of—a typical collection of Derby china. He immediately set to work collecting, and so well has he succeeded, that his gift now numbers some 350 specimens, covering the whole period of manufacture, and well illustrating the art objects made at the Derby works. The collection is specially rich in figures, both in biscuit and coloured, and the generous donor still continues to add to it almost daily. The heartiest thanks of the Committee, the Council, and the Ratepayers at large are due to Mr. Felix Joseph for this magnificent and valuable gift to the town, and the Committee venture to express the hope that his example may stimulate others to similar generosity in helping a popular institution.

In conclusion, the Committee desire to point out that they believe the Art Gallery is as steadily advancing in public usefulness as it is in public favour, and they will be very glad indeed for the time to arrive when the institution can be entirely free, and the ratepayers reap its full benefit. In the meantime, the Council may rest assured that the Committee will do their utmost to carry on the good work the Art Gallery is doing at the lowest possible cost compatible with thorough efficiency.

On behalf of the Committee,

WM. BEMROSE,

October 30th, 1890. CHAIRMAN.

TABLE I.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	1 No. of Volumes in Library September, 1889.	2 Volumes lost and paid for.	3 Volumes Totally Lost.	4 Volumes Withdrawn as worn out.	5 Total.	Stock Reduced as per Column 5.	No. of Books Replaced.	No. of New Books.	Present Library Stock, 1890.	Total Increase in each Class.	Percentage of Books in each Class.
Arts and Sciences	1403	...	...	4	4	1399	1	54	1454	51	9·33
Law and Politics	192	...	...	...	...	192	...	7	199	7	1·28
Natural History	333	...	...	...	...	333	...	13	346	13	2·22
Poetry and Drama	490	...	...	...	...	490	...	18	508	18	3·23
Theology and Philosophy ...	753	...	...	...	...	753	...	21	774	21	4·97
Light Literature	5449	8	2	392	402	5047	331	443	5821	372	37·33
History, Travels, & Biography	4885	1	...	9	10	4875	3	192	5070	185	32·52
Miscellaneous	1331	...	2	22	24	1307	5	110	1422	91	9·12
Totals	14836	9	4	427	440	14396	340	858	15594	758	100·00

TABLE II.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

SHOWING THE MONTHLY ISSUE IN EACH CLASS, THE NUMBER OF DAYS THE LIBRARY WAS OPEN, THE TOTAL VOLUMES ISSUED, AND THE DAILY AVERAGE.

MONTH.	No. of Days Open.	Science and Art.	Politics and Commerce.	Natural History.	Theology and Philosophy.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, and Travel.	Miscellaneous.	Total.	Daily Average of Volumes.
1889.											
October	24½	298	14	49	84	81	9813	591	481	11411	465
November	24	308	10	44	83	93	10999	707	495	12739	530
December	19½	227	13	55	77	94	8964	550	473	10453	536
1890.											
January	24½	289	15	43	63	110	10849	710	499	12578	513
February	22	263	14	48	73	129	10665	598	467	12257	557
March	23	229	11	52	74	112	11360	693	493	13024	566
April	20	213	13	37	55	82	10129	544	429	11502	575
May	23½	191	14	48	53	115	10497	651	470	12045	512
June	22½	184	8	46	57	85	8544	547	419	9890	439
July	11	74	1	16	33	33	3602	187	160	4106	373
August	21	186	7	29	53	48	7135	416	408	8282	394
September	24	234	12	62	53	77	9407	624	513	10982	457
Totals	259½	2696	132	529	758	1059	111964	6818	5313	129269	493

TABLE III.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	No. of Vols. in Library, September, 1890.	Vols. withdrawn, worn out.	Additions during the year.	Present Library Stock, 1890.
Arts and Sciences	1685	...	56	1741
Law and Politics	222	...	8	230
Natural History	492	...	13	505
Poetry and Drama	155	...	...	155
Theology and Philosophy	257	...	6	263
Light Literature...	63	...	...	63
History, Travels, Biography, etc.	1501	...	25	1526
Miscellaneous	1131	68	150	1213
Devonshire Library	1186	...	4	1190
Patent Library	2133	...	60	2193
Total	8825	68	322	9079

Pamphlets not included in the above.

Patents now received singly, and not at present included.

TABLE IV.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

SHOWING THE MONTHLY ISSUE IN EACH CLASS, THE NUMBER OF DAYS THE LIBRARY WAS OPEN, THE TOTAL VOLUMES ISSUED, AND THE DAILY AVERAGE.

Month.	No. of Days Open.	Science and Art.	Politics and Commerce.	Natural History.	Theology and Philosophy.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, and Travel.	Miscellaneous.	Patent Library.	Books for Blind.	Devonshire Library.	Total.	Daily Average of Volumes.
1889.														
October	27	392	14	59	37	38	74	184	1330	45	...	...	2173	80
November ...	26	302	2	54	47	18	50	171	1318	5	...	...	1967	76
December ...	21	196	5	39	31	10	22	84	716	44	...	...	1147	54
1890.														
January	27	225	6	46	44	37	171	174	1323		...	...	2026	75
February ...	24	335	10	44	29	17	92	180	1030	30	...	...	1767	73
March	25	231	8	51	16	22	120	249	804	24	...	...	1525	61
April	22	187	9	33	38	24	67	146	538		...	...	1042	47
May	22	202	10	29	27	24	38	163	498		...	...	991	39
June	25	217	6	22	50	17	67	76	527	63	...	...	1045	41
July	16	145	4	21	21	3	21	70	348		...	...	633	39
August	23	252	2	83	34	20	92	177	663	63	...	...	1386	60
September ...	26	314	11	79	65	3	78	213	827	88	...	...	1678	64
Totals	274	2998	87	560	439	233	892	1887	9922	362			17380	59

TABLE V.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Month.	No. of New Borrowers.		No. of Cards Cancelled.	No. of Overdue Books written for.	No. of Books Re-bound.	No. of Books Repaired and Numbered.
	Males.	Females.				
1889.						
October	69	46	7	49	...	249
November	100	37	5	58	...	276
December	41	22	9	47	...	443
1890.						
January	81	46	6	76	2	429
February	73	41	3	21	...	245
March	75	41	7	34	102	357
April	42	26	3	61	119	119
May	65	23	6	32	...	192
June	53	37	5	88	...	308
July	18	5	10	26	225	498
August	59	33	4	...	87	56
September	81	54	6	23	8	339
Totals	757	411	71	515	543	3511

Approximate Total No. of Borrowers' Tickets now in force ... 6,500

TABLE VI.

Occupations of the Last Thousand of the New Borrowers.

Agents and Collectors	11
Apprentices and Shop Assistants	45
Architects and Surveyors ...	6
Artists, Draughtsmen, and Designers	10
Bailiff	1
Bakers and Confectioners ...	7
Barmaids	3
Bill Poster	1
Billiard Markers	2
Boiler Makers	3
Bookbinders, Printers, and Compositors	20
Booksellers and Stationers ...	2
Boot and Shoe Makers... ...	5
Brass Founders	1
Bricklayers and Masons ...	2
Brush Makers	1
Builders, Carpenters, Joiners, Cabinet Makers, and Upholsterers	22
Butchers	14
Carriage Builders	9
Chemists and Druggists ...	7
Clergymen and Ministers ...	4
Clerks and Book Keepers ...	95
Commercial Travellers	6
Cook	1
Coopers	2
Corn Merchant	1
Curriers	2
Dentist	1
Domestic Servants	14
Drapers	13
Dyer	1
Engineers, Moulders, Smiths, Fitters, and Engine Drivers	42
Engraver	1
Errand and Office Boys ...	37
Factory Hands	29
Fishmongers	2
Gardeners and Greengrocers ...	6
Grocers and Provision Dealers...	17
Grooms	2
Hairdressers	2
Hardware Dealers	2
Housekeepers	11
Inland Revenue Officers ...	5
Inspector	1
Labourers	19
Lead Merchant	1
Lodging House Keeper ...	1
Manager	1
Mattress Maker	1
Medical Practitioners	5
Merchants	3
Milliners and Dressmakers ...	34
Musicians	4
Nurses	3
Pattern Maker	1
Painters, Paperhangers, &c. ...	13
Paper Stainer	1
Pawnbroker	1
Pensioner (Naval)	1
Photographers	2
Photo-Lithographer	1
Plane Maker	1
Plaster Maker	1
Policeman	1
Polishers	2
Porter (General)	1
Potter	1
Publicans and Brewers ...	4
Railway Employés	13
Saddlers	3
Scholars and Students	100
Soldier	1
Sweep	1
Tailors, Hosiers, etc.	18
Teachers and Pupil Teachers ...	43
Telegraphists	8
Tobacconists	2
Turners	7
Veterinary Surgeon	1
Waiters	3
Watchmakers and Jewellers ...	3
Wheelwrights	4
No Occupation	221
	1,000

TABLE VII.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

COMPARATIVE RETURNS.

	1889.	1890.
Lending Library Replacements	798	340
New Books	589	858
Total Books	14836	15594
„ Issues	124556	129269
Average Daily Issue	499	493
Turnover of each Volume	8.4	8.3
Reference Library:		
New Books	260	322
Total Books	8825	9079
„ Issues	23222	17380
Average Daily Issue	84	59
New Borrowers	1062	1168
Total Borrowers (approximate)	5800	6500
Numbers of Works issued per Borrower ...	21.47	19.89
Cards Cancelled	113	71
Overdue Books written for	1327	515
Books Rebound and Repaired	5722	4054

GENERAL DATA.

Population (to middle of 1890)	100,871
Rateable Value (March, 1890)	£371,867
Amount of Rate Levied	ONE PENNY
Amount produced by Rate	£1,540
Library Stock	24.46 PER CENT. OF POPULATION

Donations to the Library.

ACCOUNTANTS, The Secretary, Society of—Annual List of Members, etc.

ADVERTISERS' A B C, Editor of—Volume for 1890.

ANTI-VIVISECTION SOCIETY—The Vivisection Controversy.

BELL & SONS, Messrs. G.—Principles in Art (Coventry Patmore); The School Calendar.

BELFAST, QUEEN'S COLLEGE—Calendar, 1890-1.

BRISTOL, UNIVERSITY COLLEGE „ „

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT—Canada: A memorial volume.

CASSELL & CO., Messrs.—Illustrated Almanac for 1890.

COBBE, Miss FRANCES POWER—The Scientific Spirit of the Age.

COBDEN CLUB, Committee of—Twelve Pamphlets.

COLLINGWOOD, Rev. C. — Vision of Creation; Studies in Christian Theology; The Bible and the Age.

COLONIAL INSTITUTE, Council of the—Proceedings, Vol. 21.

COMMISSIONERS OF PATENTS—58 vols. of Specifications of Patents; Indexes for 1889; Single Specifications as published; Journal weekly.

CROSBY, LOCKWOOD, & CO., Messrs.—William Hedley, the Inventor of Railway Locomotion; 5 copies.

CUST, Mr. ROBERT N., LL.D. — Works, 10 volumes: 2 vols. Modern Languages of Africa, 2 vols. Linguistic and Oriental Essays, 1 vol. Note on Missionary Subjects, 1 vol. Modern Languages of the East Indies, 1 vol. Pictures of Indian Life, 2 vols. Poems, 1 vol. Shrines, Lourdes, etc.

DUBLIN UNIVERSITY—Calendar, 1890; Examination Papers, 1889.

DURHAM „ „ „

EAST LONDON INSTITUTE—In the Far East: Letters from Miss Geraldine Guinness.

ELKINGTON & CO., Messrs.—Catalogue of Reproductions.

FEARN, Mr.—Bound copy of Loudon's Derby Arboretum.

FIRESIDE NEWS, Manager of—Current Volume of Fireside News.

FISK, Mr. FRANCIS (Editor) — Skyring's Builder's Price Book, 1890; Adcock's Engineers' Pocket Book.

FRYER, Dr. ALFRED C.—Travels in Dreamland.

HAMPSHIRE RECORD SOCIETY—Publications of Documents relating to the Foundation of the Chapter of Winchester, Vol. 1.

HARCOURT, Sir W. V., M.P. (per Mr. Wm. Hall)—Colonial and Foreign Office Reports; sundry Blue Books.

HARDWICKE, Mr. H. J., M.D.—Rambles Abroad.

HOBSON, Mr. Ald., J.P. — Painter's Flora of Derbyshire; Agricultural Grasses; Farming World Year Book; Live Stock Journal Almanac; Greenwood's Public Libraries; Fream's Soils and their Properties.

INDIAN GOVERNMENT, THE EAST—Sacred Books of the East, Vol. xxxiii.; Statistical Atlas of India.

KNIGHTON, Mr. W.—The Struggle for Life.

LATHAM, Mr. W. S.—Teachers' Aid, Vol. ix.

LIBRARY REPORTS from Aston, Aberdeen, Barrow-in-Furness, Battersea, Blackburn, Bootle, Birkenhead, Bolton, Bradford, Birmingham, Brighton, Cambridge, Cardiff, Cheltenham, Chelsea, Chester, Clapham, Clerkenwell, Darlington, Doncaster, Ealing. Exeter, Guernsey, Handsworth, Halifax, Leamington, Leeds, Leek, Leicester, Liverpool, Manchester, Middlesborough, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Northwich, Norwich, Nottingham, Nottingham Mechanics' Institute, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Preston, Richmond, Rochdale, Salford, Sheffield, Southport, Smethwick, Stafford, Stoke-on-Trent, Tynemouth, Walsall, Wandsworth, Wednesbury, West Bromwich, Wigan, Wolverhampton, Yarmouth.

MINTON, Rev. FRANCIS, M.A.—Capital and Wages, the Welfare of the Million.

MORRISON, Mrs. ROBERT—Ruby, by Amye Read.

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM, S. KENSINGTON, Directors of—Catalogue of Birds, Vols. 13, 15, 18; Catalogue of Fossil Reptilia and Amphibia, Parts iii. and iv.; Catalogue of Lepidoptera, Part vii.; Guide to Minerals; Guide to Geology, Vols. 1 and 2.

POPOFF, Mr. CONSTANTINE (Translator)—Tolstoi's Boyhood, Adolescence and Youth.

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SAWYER, Sir JAMES—Medical Education.

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STEVENS, Dr.—Pamphlet, The Earthworks near Dorchester, Oxfordshire.

SWAN, SONNENSCHEIN, & Co., Messrs.—The Healing Art and the Claims of Vivisection.

SYKES, Mr. J.—How to Catalogue a Library.

THORNTON, Mr. PERCY M.—The Brunswick Accession; The Stuart Dynasty.

TRUSTEES OF THE BRITISH MUSEUM—Reproductions of Prints: Early German, Parts ii. and iii.

UNIVERSITY CORRESPONDENCE COLLEGE (per Messrs. W. B. Clive & Co.)—67 vols. of the Tutorial Series.

Art Gallery.

THE "FELIX JOSEPH" GIFT.—A list of the magnificent collection of Crown Derby China, presented by Mr. Felix Joseph to the Gallery during the past year, and which already numbers 350 specimens, will shortly be issued in Catalogue form. The Chairman of the Art Gallery, Mr. W. Bemrose, J.P., has kindly undertaken this work, and it will be published as soon as possible. No mere list, without dates and full particulars, could do this splendid gift full justice.

HARDWICKE, Mr. H. J., M.D.—Rambles Abroad.

HOBSON, Mr. Ald., J.P. — Painter's Flora of Derbyshire; Agricultural Grasses; Farming World Year Book; Live Stock Journal Almanac; Greenwood's Public Libraries; Fream's Soils and their Properties.

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STEVENS, Dr.—Pamphlet, The Earthworks near Dorchester, Oxfordshire.

WADDIE, Mr. JOHN—Divine Philosophy: A Poem.

WHITEHEAD, Sir JAMES—Report of Artisans' Official Visit to the Paris Exhibition.

YEATMAN, Mr. J. PYM—Feudal History of Derbyshire, Sections i., ii., iv.

YOUNG, Mr. JOHN, M.A.—Calendars, 1889-90 and 1890-91; Glasgow and West of Scotland Technical College.

Donations to the Museum.

ADDERLEY, Mr. J.—Water Rail, shot at Longton Pool.

CADMAN, Mr. A.—Old "Derby" Cup, formerly belonging to the first Sir Robert Peel.

EMERY, Mr. A. J.—Model of the Forth Bridge.

GILES, Mr. RICHARD—Golden Plover, shot at Etwall.

GUERRITORE, Madame—Specimens of Minerals from vicinity of Naples.

HALL, Mr. SAMUEL—Framed Specimen of Penmanship; Fossil, Stigmaria from Bull Bridge.

HIGGINS. Rev. V. G.—Stuffed Fox in case.

HOLMES, Mr. (Brailsford)—Water Rail.

LINGARD, Dr. ALFRED—Five Frames containing Pictures of Types of African Negro Races; and Collection of Skulls, including those of the Gorilla, Orang-otang, Baboon, Turtle, etc.

ONIONS, Mrs.—Skulls of Horse, Dog, and Baboon.

PAINTER, Rev. W. H.—Specimens for Herbarium.

PYWELL, Mr. W. H.—Two Zulu Shields and Assegais.

SPENCER, Mr. ANTILL, Jun.—Albatross.

WAINWRIGHT, Mr. J. W.—Collection of Specimens of Wood.

WEBB, Mr. H. G.—Banded Snake, Beetles, etc., from Baden Park, Ivanhoe, New South Wales.

Abstract of Accounts.

Derby Free

Abstract of the Accounts for the

Dr. REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS

	£	s.	d.
To Joiner's, Plumber's, and Gas Fitter's Work	19	4	3
„ New Lamps	18	14	10
„ Upholsterer's Work	1	7	6
„ Repairing Electric Bells and Speaking Tubes	4	6	7
	£43	13	2

SALARIES AND

To W. Crowther, Chief Librarian and Curator	200	0	0
„ J. A. Miller, Assistant Librarian	65	0	0
„ C. J. Courtney „ „ ... (8 months) ...	52	10	0
„ W. H. Walton „ „ ... (4 months) ...	21	5	0
„ E. Crowther „ „ ... (one year) ...	16	18	0
„ J. W. Hearnden „ „ ... (7 months) ...	13	16	0
„ H. R. Mead „ „ ... (7 weeks) ...	2	2	0
„ H. M. Haywood, Committee Clerk	40	0	0
„ Porter's Wages, and Assistant Cleaners	64	13	9
	£476	4	9

LIBRARY

To New Books	294	18	0
„ Binding and Repairing Books	101	7	7
„ Binding Materials	3	13	3
„ Palæontographical Society's Reports	1	1	0
„ Printing Post Card and other Notices	17	3	5
„ Printing Fines Books	4	4	0
„ Printing Supplementary Catalogue...	30	10	0
	£452	17	3

Library, &c.

Year ending September 29th, 1890.

TO PREMISES ACCOUNT. Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Free Library Rate Account	43	13	2
	£43	13	2

WAGES ACCOUNT.

By Free Library Rate Account	476	4	9
	£476	4	9

ACCOUNT.

By Sale of Catalogues	6	8	1
„ Fines upon Readers for Detention of Books	64	19	2
„ Fees for New Tickets and Post Cards	9	13	11
„ Lost and Damaged Books	3	15	7
„ Free Library Rate Account	368	0	6
	£452	17	3

Dr.

READING AND NEWS

	£	s.	d.
To Magazines and Periodicals	29	8	11
„ Newspapers, Illustrated Papers, &c.	57	5	1
„ Directories	2	4	6
	£88	18	6

MUSEUM

To Printing Catalogue of Minerals	6	6	6
„ Specimens Purchased	4	12	6
„ Mounting Specimens	6	4	0
„ Carriage of Books from Geological Society	1	9	7
	£18	12	7

FREE LIBRARY

To Balance brought forward (being amount borrowed for the formation of the old Institution and owing as a loan)	500	0	0
	£500	0	0

SINKING FUND

To Balance carried forward	400	0	0
	£400	0	0

DERBY

To Free Library Rate at One Farthing in the £, one Quarter to 25th December, 1889	385	0	0
„ Ditto, Quarter ending 25th March, 1890	385	0	0
„ Ditto, Quarter ending 24th June, 1890	385	0	0
„ Ditto, Quarter ending 29th September, 1890	385	0	0
	£1540	0	0

LOAN

To Interest on Loan of £500, less Tax, one year to 29th September, 1890	21	17	2
„ Balance carried forward, being loan owing	500	0	0
	£521	17	2

ROOMS ACCOUNT.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Sale of Old Newspapers, &c.	4	11	9
„ Free Library Rate Account	84	6	9
	£88	18	6

ACCOUNT.

By Free Library Rate Account	18	12	7
	£18	12	7

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

By Balance carried forward	500	0	0
	£500	0	0

ACCOUNT.

By Balance brought forward	300	0	0
„ Further amount in hand towards re-payment of loan to John Payne	100	0	0
	£400	0	0

CORPORATION.

By Treasurer, Free Library Rate granted Nov. 9th, 1889 ...	385	0	0
„ Ditto, granted February 7th, 1890...	385	0	0
„ Ditto, granted May 7th, 1890	385	0	0
„ Ditto, granted August 6th, 1890	385	0	0
	£1540	0	0

ACCOUNT.

By Balance brought forward, being Loan advanced by John Payne	500	0	0
„ Free Library Rate Account	21	17	2
	£521	17	2

Dr. **ESTABLISHMENT**

	£	s.	d.
To Gas	87	7	7
„ Water	10	5	2
„ Coal	35	10	0
„ Fire Insurance	26	0	0
„ Ironmongery	2	0	1
„ Plants, Bulbs, &c., for Garden	7	15	0
„ Petty Cash Payments by Librarian	37	19	5
„ Printing Annual Reports	9	1	6
„ Various Printing, Stationery, and Advertising	10	18	9
„ Cleaning Windows	9	0	0
„ Property Tax and House Duty	1	17	6
„ Miscellaneous Expenses	2	17	9
„ Commission charged by Bankers	1	15	8
„ Clothing for Porter	4	4	6
„ Winding Clock	3	2	6
	£249	15	5

RATE

To Repairs and Alterations to Premises	43	13	2
„ Salaries and Wages	476	4	9
„ Library	368	0	6
„ Reading and News Rooms...	84	6	9
„ Museum	18	12	7
„ Sinking Fund	100	0	0
„ Loan (Interest)	21	17	2
„ Establishment	242	0	7
„ Balance	242	17	3
	£1597	12	9

BALANCE

	£	s.	d.				
To Treasurer, Sinking Fund	400	0	0				
*„ Balance	242	17	3				
				642	17	3	
„ Free Library and Museum Capital Account				500	0	0	
				£1142	17	3	

* LIABILITIES :—

	£	s.	d.
Contract for Heating Apparatus	90	0	0
Grants for Books (unexpended)	137	0	0
	£227	0	0

ACCOUNT.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Derby Mechanics' Institute, Acknowledgment for Encroachment	0	1	0
„ Interest allowed by Bankers	7	13	10
„ Free Library Rate Account	242	0	7
	£249	15	5

ACCOUNT.

By Balance brought forward	57	12	9
„ Quarterly Rates granted by the Derby Town Council ...	1540	0	0
	£1597	12	9

SHEET.

By Free Library and Museum	242	17	3
„ Sinking Fund	400	0	0
„ Payne John, Loan Account	500	0	0
	£1142	17	3

H. M. HAYWOOD, Clerk.

We have examined the several Accounts of the Derby Free Library and Museum, for the year ending September 29th, 1890, and hereby certify that they are correct.—Dated this 27th day of October, 1890.

WATSON, SOWTER & Co., *Auditors appointed by the Corporation.*

BENJAMIN BRINDLEY, JAMES HARWOOD, } *Auditors appointed by the Burgesses.*

W. H. MARSDEN, *Auditor appointed by the Mayor.*

Derby Corporation

Abstract of the Accounts for the

Dr.

WAGES

	£	s.	d.
To Wages to Attendant at Turnstile and Charwoman ...	75	4	11
	£75	4	11

REPAIRS AND

To Joiner's and Gas Fitter's Work	11	9	7
,, Boarding Walls	8	6	0
,, Cementing and Finishing Wall in Strand	20	0	0
	£39	15	7

COLLECTION AND CARRIAGE OF

To Collection and Carriage of Pictures, &c., and obtaining Loans	206	8	8
	£206	8	8

ESTABLISHMENT

To Fire Insurance	7	12	0
,, Gas	22	0	0
,, Coal	4	17	7
,, Ironmongery	3	6	8
,, Advertising	2	10	0
,, Printing, Stationery, and Posting	35	7	5
,, Printing Catalogues...	28	17	9
,, Hire of Piano and Tuning same for Concerts	9	12	0
,, Petty Cash Payments by Curator	10	1	8
,, Interest and Commission charged by Bankers	7	13	0
,, Property Tax	2	10	0
	£134	8	1

DERBY CORPORATION

To Balance brought forward	201	19	11
	£201	19	11

Art Gallery.

Year ending September 29th, 1890.

ACCOUNT.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Art Gallery Account	75	4	11
	£75	4	11

ALTERATIONS ACCOUNT.

By Art Gallery Account	39	15	7
	£39	15	7

PICTURES AND LOANS ACCOUNT.

By Sale of Oak Frame	0	10	0
„ Art Gallery Account	205	18	8
	£206	8	8

ACCOUNT.

By Advertisements in Catalogues	25	15	0
„ Art Gallery Account	108	13	1
	£134	8	1

ACCOUNT.

By Derby Corporation, Amount owing to Banker at 29th September, 1889	201	19	11
	£201	19	11

Dr. ART GALLERY

	£	s.	d.
To Wages	75	4	11
„ Repairs and Alterations	39	15	7
„ Collection and Carriage of Pictures, &c.	205	18	8
„ Establishment	108	13	1
	£429	12	3

BALANCE

To Art Gallery Account (Deficiency)	292	4	0
	£292	4	0

REVENUE ACCOUNT. Cr.

By Autumn Exhibition, 1889–90.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Receipts at Turnstile	38	12	2			
Catalogues sold	6	8	1			
Hire of Piano	1	1	0			
Commission on Pictures sold	33	13	9			
				79	15	0

,, Spring Exhibition, 1890.

Receipts at Turnstile	32	18	7			
Catalogues sold	6	9	7			
British Dental Association (Gas) ...	0	10	6			
Commission on Pictures sold	2	16	9			
				42	15	5

,, Summer Exhibition, 1890.

Receipts at Turnstile	12	0	3			
Catalogues sold	2	7	7			
Commission on Pictures sold	0	10	0			
				14	17	10
,, Balance (deficiency)...	...		...	292	4	0
				£429	12	3

SHEET.

By Treasurer (amount owing)	292	4	0
	£292	4	0

H. M. HAYWOOD, Clerk.

We have examined the several Accounts of the Derby Art Gallery for the year ending 29th September, 1890, and hereby certify that they are correct.

Dated this 27th day of October, 1890.

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,, GEO. TURNER.

Librarian and Curator.

MR. WILLIAM CROWTHER.

Clerk.

MR. H. M. HAYWOOD.

Assistant Librarians.

MISS J. A. MILLER.
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Art Gallery Attendant.

W. JOHNSON.

Porter.

GEORGE PULLEN.

Borough of Derby.

TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Free Library and Museum Committee,

For the Year ended Sept. 30th, 1891.

THE Free Library and Museum Committee present their Twentieth Annual Report to the Town Council with very great pleasure, and are glad to be able to speak of the prosperity of the Institution under their charge as continuous and progressive.

The year just closed has not seen the inauguration of anything new in connection with the work of the Library and Museum, but the Committee have had steadily in view the important part the Institution plays in the intellectual life of the town, and have endeavoured to make its attractiveness and usefulness keep pace with the ever-growing requirements of the time. No fewer than 1,512 new books have been added to the Library, of which 1,136 are quite new, and 376 are replacements. Of the new books, 254 have been placed in the Reference department, many of them Scientific works of great value, and the addition of works bearing on Technical Education has not been lost sight of, and will be carefully looked after as time progresses.

The Committee are glad to report the Building to be in a good state of repair. No painting and cleaning have been necessary during the past year, except to the houses of the Librarian and Porter, but there have been several important items of expenditure. The remodelling of the Heating Apparatus at a cost of £90, remedied a very unsatisfactory state of things, and the building is now comfortably warmed throughout. The re-lighting of the Reading Room is responsible for a cost of £61, but the excellent result justifies the expense, and probably nothing better can be obtained

till it becomes possible to light the whole building with the electric light. The Committee will be very glad when that time arrives, so that the public may be able to read by a better light, in a purer atmosphere. The Committee will also then be able to devote much of the money now spent on cleaning and bookbinding to other objects of the Institution.

It will be noticed, on reference to the subjoined accounts, that the Committee have, during the past year, been able to set apart the last instalment of £100, towards the repayment of the £500, which was borrowed for special purposes when the Institution was founded. This is a matter for much congratulation, for the Committee are not only relieved of the debt, but have no longer to provide for the yearly interest. The establishment charges are about normal, and have been kept as low as is compatible with efficiency, the only important addition being the connection of the building with the National Telephone Exchange, which, beside being a great convenience, is an additional security in case of fire. When the amount voted to the Book Committee is all expended, nearly £600 will be found to have been devoted exclusively to the Library, a department which the Committee deem to be the most important of all they have in charge.

The Chief Librarian's report, and the exhaustive statistics which accompany it, will give any additional particulars which may be required as to the inner work of the Library. To the numerous donors whose generous gifts from time to time increase the value of the Institution, the Committee desire to tender their hearty thanks, and they wish once more to place on record their entire satisfaction with the way in which the various members of the staff discharge their duties. At their meeting this day, they took into consideration an application from the Chief Librarian, and unanimously resolved to raise his salary from £200 to £240 per annum.

On behalf of the Committee,

WILLIAM HOBSON,

CHAIRMAN.

November 2nd, 1891.

To the Chairman and Members of the Derby Free Library and Museum Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

I have much pleasure in submitting to you my Sixth Annual Report.

The Lending Library now contains 16,160 books, against 15,594 last year, and the total issues have amounted to 133,594, against 129,269. The daily average has risen from 493 to 518. Of new books we have added 882, and we have also replaced 376 of the 669 volumes withdrawn as worn out. Fourteen volumes have been lost and paid for, four totally lost, and five books coming from infected houses have been destroyed. I can again report favourably as to the way in which, for the most part, the books are used, and considering the enormous circulation, and the fact that the readers, as shown in Table VI., come from all classes of the population, there is very little to complain of.

The Reference Library stock now amounts to 9,322 works against 9,079 last year, 254 books having been added, and 11 withdrawn as worn out. The issues amount to 13,520, against 17,380, and the daily average stands at 47 instead of 59. The reduction in these figures is occasioned by the temporary withdrawal of the bound volumes of illustrated magazines, and I am glad to report that there is no reduction in the numbers of those readers who consult the more valuable portions of the Library; but, on the contrary, a large increase of *students*, as opposed to those who come merely to look at pictures, or to pass an idle hour. The University of Cambridge has lent some of the more valuable books used as text books for the courses of University extension lectures, and we have added all the others necessary, and the text books kindly presented by the University Correspondence College are also very largely consulted. The new books added have all been carefully chosen, and include many of the most recent and valuable works on Science and Art.

The number of new borrowers added during the year is about normal, and the number of cards cancelled considerably less than the average. The number of overdue books which have had to be written for, again shows a gratifying diminution, and that the privilege of bespeaking books by the payment of one penny is appreciated is shown

by the fact that 1,004 books were so bespoken. Our Library stock now shows a percentage of 27.05 to the population, a proportion which compares very favourably with other towns, and the annual turnover of each volume is about the same as last year. I hope on some future occasion to lay before you the number of books in actual use, as there is no doubt that many books are so much dead weight on the shelves, and might fairly, having served their turn and got out of date, give way for others.

I follow the precedent of the last two years and show here in a table the districts from which the last thousand borrowers come :—

WARD.	Actual Number of Borrowers.	Number according to Population.
Arboretum...	117	155
Babington	145	126
Becket	233	183
Castle	65	120
Derwent	61	64
Friar Gate	152	113
King's Mead	112	150
Litchurch	115	89

The second column shows the number that might reasonably be expected per thousand according to proportion of householders. From this it will be seen that Babington, Becket, Friar Gate and Litchurch Wards again furnish considerably more than their share of readers, Derwent Ward is about normal, and the remaining Wards furnish less than their fair proportion, Castle Ward being remarkably low.

The News Rooms are more largely used than ever, and I have not had a single cause of complaint as to the behaviour of those who frequent them. Indeed, in every part of the Institution, the public show ready compliance with the rules, and I do not know of a single unpleasant circumstance arising from their enforcement. The average daily number of visitors to the building is not less than 1,500, and on Mondays, Fridays, and Saturdays, it is far more. The visitors for the year just closed fall little short of half a million.

The Museum is, I am sorry to say, still in an unfinished state. The Conchological collection has been arranged and labelled, and the

Geological collection has all been gone through and named by Mr. J. W. Carr, M.A., to whom my warmest personal thanks are due for much help and advice. Specimens wanted to complete a typical Palæontological collection have been purchased by the Committee, and the re-arrangement is being pushed on as rapidly as possible. My best efforts shall be given to its early completion.

The usual tables will be found appended to this Report, to which I beg to refer all those who wish for more detailed information.

It only remains for me to express my entire satisfaction with the way in which the various members of the Staff discharge their duties. No Institution could be better served. Of those who have been long in your service, I need only say that their zeal and fidelity are undiminished, and those more recently appointed are no less satisfactory. I desire again to recognise the valuable help given to the Institution by the entire Press of the town, and to once more express my own personal obligations to the Chairman and every member of the Committee for the ready help and co-operation I have always received in every department of my work.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Obediently yours,

W. CROWTHER,

LIBRARIAN AND CURATOR.

November 2nd, 1891.

NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Corporation Art Gallery Committee.

THE Art Gallery Committee have much pleasure in presenting their Ninth Annual Report. The Gallery has been open on 253 days, and the numbers attending, as compared with the two previous years are shown in the following table:—

	1888-9.	1889-90.	1890-91.
Visitors to Autumn Exhibition	13095	12776	15842
,, Spring ,, ...	7990	12540	30799
,, Summer ,, ...	6874	5958	10045
Total Visitors	27959	31274	56686
Total Days Open by Payment	217	206	209
,, ,, Free	45	43	44
Total Days Open	262	249	253
Average on Paying Days	65	70·7	82·6
,, Free Days	307·7	388·5	477·7

The large numbers opposite the Spring Exhibition are accounted for by the fact, that some nineteen thousand persons passed the turnstiles during the four days on which the casket and addresses presented to Her Majesty the Queen were on view. These abnormally high numbers have been left out in calculating the daily averages, and excluding them from the total visitors, we should still have a grand total of 37,475, or some six thousand in advance of last year. The average daily attendance has also steadily increased, that on the free day by more than 20 per cent. The highest attendance on a free day was 10,696 on May 19th, and on a paying day, 3,914 on May 20th, on both of which days the Royal gifts were on view. Excluding these, the highest attendances were 838 on August 4th for a free day, and 373 on March 28th, when admission was by payment.

There is a small increase in the sum required to meet the deficiency this year, which is due to various causes. Painting and thoroughly cleaning the building have absorbed £45, and the medals for the Photographic Exhibition, £23, while the amount received as commission on picture sales is only £18 against £37. The establishment charges have varied but little, and the expenses connected with the organisation of the Exhibitions have been less. The picture sales realized £360, about the same as in 1889. The Committee have worked the Art Gallery as economically as possible, and think that its increasing popularity and usefulness may well be pleaded as a set-off against its small cost.

The Autumn Exhibition contained some admirable pictures, and the Art Union in connection with it realized £111 16s., rather more than the previous year.

In the Spring Exhibition, a new departure was made by the addition of a good collection of pictures by continental artists, which gave considerable interest to the Exhibition. In connection with this Exhibition, the Committee have again to acknowledge the kindness of Messrs. Henry Graves and Son, the eminent printsellers of Pall Mall, who lent a choice collection of original paintings from their well-known art treasures.

The Summer Exhibition consisted of Photographs. The collection was not a large one, but was very choice, some of the best artists in the kingdom exhibiting. It was a matter of much congratulation to the Committee, that our local artists, both professional and amateur, held their own well in a very keen competition, and secured some of the best awards. The thanks of the Committee are specially due to the distinguished men who gave their services as judges, Capt. W. de W. Abney, R.E., C.B., F.R.S. and W. England, Esq. A series of photographs of Derby children in fancy dress as they appeared at a ball given by the Mayor and Mayoress, added much interest to this Exhibition.

The Autumn Exhibition now in progress was opened on Sept. 15th, and bids fair to outrival in popularity all its predecessors. It has already been visited by 9,500 persons, and the sales of pictures reach £229. His Worship the Mayor (Sir Alfred Haslam, Kt., J.P.), gave the usual Conversazione on October 21st, when about a thousand guests accepted an invitation "to meet Mr. Felix Joseph." The gathering was an exceedingly pleasant one, and the Committee desire to thank his Worship both for this, and for many other tokens of the interest he has taken in the Institution.

The collection of objects lent by South Kensington Museum was changed as usual in December last. Suggestions made by your Committee as to the objects desirable for loans were as usual readily met by the Museum authorities, and the selection of textiles, leather-work, Oriental pottery, and electrotypes have proved very valuable to art students, who have made good use of their opportunities for studying and copying these fine examples, and applying the knowledge thus gained to the manufactures of the town.

The sixth series of Saturday Evening Concerts was given during last winter. Sixteen concerts were given between Nov. 1st and March 28th. They were attended by 2,482 persons, and cost about £12. The amount received in admission fees was £31 0s. 6d., so that they yielded a profit of £19. The Committee's hearty thanks are due to the Curator, and to those ladies and gentlemen who so cheerfully give their services in providing these pleasant evenings, which already number 109, and have resulted in placing £160 to the credit of the Art Gallery funds.

Any report on the Art Gallery would be incomplete without a special reference to the continued liberality of Mr. Felix Joseph. Whereas last year we had to report that the collection so generously presented by him numbered about 350 specimens, we have to announce the receipt during the past year of more than a hundred additional specimens, the whole collection now numbering 452 pieces. It contains examples of every period of the manufacture, and specimens of almost every type of article made; and is in every sense what the generous donor intends, a typical collection of Derby ceramics. It will in course of time be completely and exhaustively labelled, so as to be of real value to the collector and the student of ceramic art, as well as interesting to the general public. The Corporation, on October 21st, in public meeting assembled, presented Mr. Joseph with an illuminated address, and a handsome vase, decorated with the Borough Arms and other emblems, and specially made by the Royal Crown Derby Works. The address was signed by the Mayor, the Chairman of the Library Committee, the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Curator of the Art Gallery. The meeting was a most successful one, His Worship the Mayor gave an admirable address, the formal vote of thanks to Mr. Joseph was moved by Mr. Alderman Hobson, J.P. and seconded by Mr. Alderman Sowter, J.P., and Mr. Joseph made a most genial and telling speech in response to the presentation. In the evening of the same day, Mr. Joseph attended the Conversazione already referred to. The Committee can only reiterate their hearty thanks to Mr. Joseph

for his magnificent gift, which he has promised to still further supplement as opportunity arises, and to again express the hope that his example may stimulate others to like acts of generosity in the cause of art.

In conclusion, the Committee think that the present state of the Art Gallery is matter for congratulation. It has for the last few years been steadily advancing in public estimation. The periodical Exhibitions stand well in the eyes of the art world, and the Institution is growing in usefulness and popularity in the town. Much of its success is owing to the well-directed exertions and zeal of the Curator, which the Committee are glad to take this opportunity of acknowledging. The Committee echo the expressed wish of Mr. Felix Joseph, and will be glad when the time comes for making the Gallery entirely free, and so open its benefits to a larger public, but until that time comes, they beg to assure the Council that no effort shall be wanting on their part to carry out the work of the Art Gallery efficiently, thoroughly, and economically.

On behalf of the Committee,

W. BEMROSE,

CHAIRMAN.

Nov. 2nd, 1891.

TABLE I.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	1 No. of Volumes in Library September, 1890.	2 Volumes lost and paid for.	3 Volumes from Infected Houses Destroyed.	4 Volumes Totally Lost.	5 Volumns Withdrawn as worn out.	6 Total.	Stock Reduced as per Column 6.	No. of Books Replaced.	No. of New Books.	Present Library Stock, 1891.	Total Increase in each Class.	Percentage of Books in each Class.
Arts and Sciences	1454	...	...	...	2	2	1452	...	109	1561	107	9.66
Law and Politics	199	...	...	...	...	...	199	...	6	205	6	1.27
Natural History	346	...	...	...	1	1	345	...	17	362	16	2.24
Poetry and Drama	508	...	...	...	3	3	505	...	43	548	40	3.39
Theology and Philosophy ...	774	...	...	...	...	...	774	...	36	810	36	5.01
Light Literature	5821	14	5	3	612	634	5187	371	367	5925	104	36.66
History, Travels, & Biography	5070	...	...	...	12	12	5058	2	209	5269	199	32.61
Miscellaneous	1422	...	...	1	39	40	1382	3	95	1480	58	9.16
Totals	15594	14	5	4	669	692	14902	376	882	16160	566	100.00

TABLE II.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

SHOWING THE MONTHLY ISSUE IN EACH CLASS, THE NUMBER OF DAYS THE LIBRARY WAS OPEN, THE TOTAL VOLUMES ISSUED, AND THE DAILY AVERAGE.

MONTH.	No. of Days Open.	Science and Art.	Politics and Commerce.	Natural History.	Theology and Philosophy.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, and Travel.	Miscellaneous.	Total.	Daily Average of Volumes.
1890.											
October	24½	275	9	57	79	109	10479	630	613	12251	500
November	23	263	13	50	80	115	10569	747	579	12416	539
December	20	184	12	32	47	98	8826	578	525	10302	515
1891.											
January	25	241	18	58	68	135	11389	722	625	13256	530
February	22	290	18	70	55	117	10443	656	589	12238	556
March	19½	263	13	49	59	131	10340	692	588	12135	622
April	23½	250	19	52	70	95	11165	580	633	12864	547
May	21½	162	7	53	62	89	10191	536	613	11713	545
June	24	192	8	42	63	100	10217	489	597	11708	488
July	9	63	9	16	15	30	3452	139	181	3905	434
August	22	217	9	43	39	79	8122	394	503	9406	427
September	23½	257	10	58	56	84	9913	474	548	11400	485
Totals	257½	2657	145	580	693	1182	115106	6637	6594	133594	518

TABLE III.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	No. of Vols. in Library, September, 1890.	Vols. withdrawn, worn out.	Additions during the year.	Present Library Stock, 1891.
Arts and Sciences	1741	...	62	1803
Law and Politics	230	...	3	233
Natural History	505	...	16	521
Poetry and Drama	155	...	2	157
Theology and Philosophy	263	...	8	271
Light Literature	63	...	...	63
History, Travels, Biography, etc.	1526	...	71	1597
Miscellaneous	1213	11	45	1247
Devonshire Library	1190	...	8	1198
Patent Library	2193	...	39*	2232
Total	9079	11	254	9322

Pamphlets not included in the above.

* Patents now received singly, and not at present included.

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REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

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Month.	No. of Days Open.	Science and Art.	Politics and Commerce.	Natural History.	Theology and Philosophy.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, and Travel.	Miscellaneous.	Patent Library.	Books for Blind.	Devonshire Library.	Total.	Daily Average of Volumes.
1890.														
October	26½	389	11	96	41	11	154	288	807	13	...	...	1810	68
November...	25	495	12	69	44	27	69	315	768	...	...	5	1804	72
December...	20½	257	13	44	30	28	70	180	446	6	...	...	1074	52
1891.														
January.....	27	502	10	68	38	25	129	322	562	30	...	...	1686	63
February....	24	416	26	96	46	23	155	263	93	185	...	...	1303	54
March	21	307	15	44	13	26	89	270	77	60	...	...	901	43
April.....	26	352	7	77	14	18	89	246	107	7	...	...	917	35
May.....	23	231	8	21	13	36	58	194	88	29	...	...	678	29
June	26	188	13	23	11	54	71	170	86	44	...	...	660	25
July.....	16	114	7	13	21	14	61	60	69	39	...	...	398	25
August.....	24	299	16	69	42	58	116	234	147	91	...	3	1075	44
September...	26	383	28	102	42	21	131	197	182	112	...	16	1214	47
Totals	285	3933	166	722	355	341	1192	2739	3432	616	...	24	13520	47

TABLE V.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Month.	No. of New Borrowers.		No. of Cards Cancelled.	No. of Overdue Books written for.	No. of Books Re-bound.	No. of Books Repaired and Numbered.
	Males.	Females.				
1890.						
October	94	51	3	46	...	507
November	97	48	3	17	...	344
December	40	28	2	48	...	412
1891.						
January	85	30	2	64	...	406
February	69	38	3	36	...	232
March	55	31	3	24	...	90
April	63	33	7	60	...	337
May	49	22	6	53	307	182
June	61	25	3	102	56	90
July	13	3	9	...	270	860
August	64	28	6	...	...	77
September	69	45	...	21	56	73
Totals	759	382	47	471	689	3610

Approximate Total No. of Borrowers' Tickets now in force ... 7,500

TABLE VI.

Occupations of the Last Thousand of the New Borrowers.

Agents and Collectors	8
Apprentices and Shop Assistants	18
Architect	1
Artists, Draughtsmen, and Designers	9
Bakers and Confectioners ...	5
Barmaids	2
Basket Maker	1
Boiler Makers	5
Bookbinders, Printers, and Compositors	20
Booksellers and Stationers ...	3
Boot and Shoe Makers ...	4
Brass Founders	3
Bricklayers and Masons ...	2
Brush Makers	1
Builders, Carpenters, Joiners, Cabinet Makers, and Upholsterers	19
Butchers	4
Carriage Builders	12
Carters	2
Chemists and Druggists ...	5
Clergymen and Ministers ...	7
Clerks and Book Keepers ...	86
Commercial Travellers ...	4
Cook	1
Cooper	1
Curator	1
Currier	1
Cutlers	2
Domestic Servants	13
Drapers	17
Electricians	5
Engineers, Moulders, Smiths, Fitters, and Engine Drivers	52
Errand and Office Boys ...	40
Factory Hands	22
Fishmongers	2
Gardeners and Greengrocers ...	2
Grocers and Provision Dealers ...	16
Grooms and Coachmen ...	4
Hairdressers	2
Hardware Dealer	1
Housekeepers	8
Inland Revenue Officers ...	7
Inspectors	3
Labourers	29
Laundress	1
Managers	5
Medical Practitioners	3
Merchant	1
Messengers	2
Millers	2
Milliners and Dressmakers ...	31
Musicians	6
Nurses	2
Optician	1
Pattern Makers	4
Painters, Paperhangers, &c. ...	14
Paper Stainers	2
Plumbers and Glaziers ...	2
Policemen	3
Porcelain Painters	2
Porters (General)	6
Postman	1
Publicans and Brewers ...	3
Railway Employés	17
Sawyers	2
Scholars and Students	140
Sister of Mercy	1
Soldiers	3
Solicitor	1
Stewards	2
Surgical Bandage Makers ...	2
Sweep	1
Tailors, Hosiers, etc.	13
Teachers and Pupil Teachers ...	46
Telegraphists	4
Timber Merchant	1
Tobacconist	1
Turners	13
Type Founder	1
Waiters	3
Watchmen	2
Watchmakers and Jewellers ...	6
Wheelwrights	2
Yeast Manufacturer	1
No Occupation	197
	1,000

TABLE VII.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

COMPARATIVE RETURNS.

	1890.	1891.
Lending Library Replacements	340	376
New Books	858	882
Total Books	15594	16160
„ Issues	129269	133594
Average Daily Issue	493	518
Turnover of each Volume	8.3	8.27
Reference Library:		
New Books	322	254
Total Books	9079	9322
„ Issues	17380	13520
Average Daily Issue	59	47
New Borrowers	1168	1141
Total Borrowers (approximate)	6500	7500
Numbers of Works issued per Borrower ...	19.89	17.81
Cards Cancelled	71	47
Overdue Books written for	515	471
Books Rebound and Repaired	4054	4299

GENERAL DATA.

Population (Census, 1891)	94,496
Rateable Value (Sept., 1891)	£392,198
Amount of Rate Levied	ONE PENNY
Amount produced by Rate	£1,555
Library Stock	27.05 PER CENT. OF POPULATION

Donations to the Library.

Agent General for Victoria, The—Official Record Centennial Exhibition, Melbourne, 1889-90.

Agent General for Tasmania—The Australian Year Book for 1891.

Blake, Mr. W. F.—A General View of Positivism.

Brassey, Lord—A Voyage in the Sunbeam.

British Museum, Trustees of—Reproductions of Drawings by Old Masters, Part II., and three Autotypes, "Elgin Marbles."

Cassell & Co., Messrs.—Cassell's Illustrated Almanac and Companion for 1891.

Chalmers, Mr. P.—Robert Wallace, M.P., and James Chalmers, the Scottish Postal Reformers.

Chief Librarian, Free Public Library, Rochdale, Catalogue and Supplement.

Cobden Club, Committee of—Various Pamphlets.

Crawley, Mr. W. I. C., F.R.G.S.—Handbook of Competitive Examinations for Admission to Her Majesty's Service.

Crosby, Lockwood & Co., Messrs.—Lockwood's Builders' and Contractors' Price Book.

Cross, Lord—Catalogue of Mammalia in the India Museum.

Currie, Sir Donald—Cruise of the Dunnotar Castle.

Cust, Mr. R. N., LL.D.—Linguistic and Oriental Essays; How I Spent my Summer Holidays.

Dawson, Mr. J. J.—The Wealth of Households.

Derby Conservative Club, Committee of—File of "The Times."

Elkington & Co., Messrs.—Catalogue of Reproductions in Metal and Fictile Ivory.

Fisk, Mr. J.—Adcock's Engineer's Pocket Book, and Skyring's Builder's Price Book, each for 1891.

Harcourt, Sir W. V., M.P.—Blue Books and Government Papers.

Hardwicke, Mr. H. J., M.D.—From Alps to Orient.

Hartley, Mr. Richd.—What must I do to get well, and how to keep so.

Hazell & Co., Messrs.—Hazell's Annual for 1891.

Hobson, Mr. Alderman, J.P.—Poems: 'Twixt Kiss and Lip; The Lord's Prayer in 300 languages.

Hodges, Figgis & Co., Messrs.—Examination Papers, 1890: Dublin University Calendar, 1891.

Hunter, Dr., R.C.—Porthcawl as a Health Resort.

ILIFFE, DR.—14th Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for Derby, 1890.

KEGAN, PAUL & CO., MESSRS.—A Protest Against Agnosticism; The Indian Ryot.

LIBRARY REPORTS from Aberdeen, Aston, Battersea, Belfast, Birkenhead, Bolton, Bootle, Bradford, Brentford, Brighton, Buxton, Cambridge, Cardiff, Chelsea, Cheltenham, Chester, Clapham, Clerkenwell, Croydon, Doncaster, Dundee, Ealing, Great Yarmouth, Halifax, Hammersmith, Handsworth, Hanley, Hereford, Hull, Leamington, Leeds, Leek, Leicester, Liverpool, Loughborough, Manchester (Peel Park and Owen's College), Newport, Northwich, Norwich, Paddington, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Preston, Rochdale, Rotherham, Sheffield, Smethwick, Southampton, St. Helens, St. Margaret's (Westminster), Stafford, Stoke-on-Trent, Sunderland, Swansea, Walsall, Warrington, West Bromwich, Wigan, Wimbledon, Wolverhampton.

LEIGH BROWNE TRUSTEES—Pasteur and Rabies.

LOYAL PATRIOTIC SOCIETY—Pamphlets and Leaflets.

MANAGER OF "THE NEWS"—Current Volume.

MATHESON, MR. EWING—Aid Book to Engineering Enterprise Abroad.

MEARS, MRS. A. GARLAND—Idylls, Legends, and Lyrics.

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM, S. KENSINGTON, DIRECTORS OF—Catalogue of Fossil Birds; Catalogue of British Oligocene and Eocene Mollusca; Catalogue of Birds; Catalogue of Lepidoptera Heterocera.

REGISTRAR, DURHAM UNIVERSITY—Calendar for 1891.

ROE, MR. T., M.P.—6 copies, Studies in English History; 2 copies, Uncrowned Queens.

SAWYER, SIR J.—Practical Medicine.

SECRETARY, Royal Colonial Institute; Proceedings.

SECRETARY, Glasgow and W. Scotland Technical College—Calendar, 1891-2.

SECRETARY, Institute Civil Engineers—Charter and List of Members.

SECRETARY, University College, Bristol—Calendar, 1891-2.

SECRETARY, Public Library, Melbourne—Vol. xviii.; Patent Indexes; 1883; Victoria.

SLEIGH, MR.—Historical Collections, County Stafford; Vol. 6, Part ii.

THOMPSON, MR. GEO. CARSLAKE—Public Opinion and Lord Beaconsfield.

TOWN CLERK, City of London—Calendar of Wills; Court of Husting; Part ii.

TUPPER, SIR CHAS.—Mineral Resources of Ontario.

UNIVERSITY CORRESPONDENCE COLLEGE (per Messrs. W. B. Clive & Co.)—53 vols. Tutorial Series.

YEATMAN, MR. JOHN PYM, Q.C.—Feudal History of the County of Derby; Vol. 2; Sections iv. and vii.

Donations to the Museum.

Brooke, Mr. Joseph—Old Map of Derby, dated 1610.

Chancellor, Master—Birds' Eggs.

Court, Mr. S.—Native Bow and Arrows from Erromanga.

Holme, Mr. John—Specimens of Quartz and other South African Minerals.

Holme, Mrs.—Kaffir Bracelets.

Kerry, Rev. C.—Ancient British Quern.

Onions, Mrs.—Skulls of Horse, Dog, Baboon.

Painter, Rev. W. H.—Eight Sheets new specimens for Derbyshire Herbarium, and 20 remounts.

Roe, Mr. T., M.P.—Reputed Spade Bone of the Derby Ram.

Rutherford, Mr.—Two Ostrich Feathers, Natural.

Spencer, Mr. Antill, Jun.—Albatross.

Donations to the Art Gallery.

Felix Joseph, Esq.—139 additional specimens for the "Felix Joseph" collection of Derby China, which now numbers 452 pieces, and of which a descriptive catalogue will shortly be published.

Pares, E. H., Esq., J.P.—Oil Painting, "Coriolanus."

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS.

Derby Free

Abstract of the Accounts for the

Dr. REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS

	£	s.	d.
To Joiner's, Plumber's, and Gas Fitter's Work	19	7	9
„ New Lamps and fixing same in Reading Rooms ...	61	12	4
„ Locksmith's Work	2	3	5
„ Repairing Electric Bells	1	18	7
„ Painting and Cleaning Librarian's House	4	5	0
„ Plumber's and Builder's Work at same	23	13	1
„ Painting and Cleaning Porter's Lodge	5	17	6
„ New Boiler and Heating Apparatus	90	2	0
„ New Steps at Entrance and Repairs to Floor in Basement	7	5	0
	£216	4	8

SALARIES AND

To W. Crowther, Chief Librarian and Curator	200	0	0
„ J. A. Miller, Assistant Librarian	65	0	0
„ W. H. Walton „ „	72	10	0
„ E. J. Crowther „ „	19	10	0
„ E. Brindley „ „	15	14	0
„ J. H. Burgoyne „ „	14	0	0
„ J. W. Hearnden „ „ ... (6 weeks) ...	1	16	0
„ A. Ince „ „ ... (4 weeks) ...	1	7	0
„ H. M. Haywood, Committee Clerk	40	0	0
„ Porter's Wages, and Assistant Cleaners	65	0	3
	£494	17	3

LIBRARY

To New Books	321	8	1
„ Binding and Repairing Books	98	17	11
„ Binding Materials	5	18	7
„ Palæontographical Society's Reports	1	1	0
„ Printing Post Card and other Notices	15	2	0
„ Printing Fines Books	4	4	0
„ Printing Readers Tickets, &c.	7	19	0
	£454	10	7

Library, &c.

Year ending September 29th, 1891.

TO PREMISES ACCOUNT. Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Free Library Rate Account	216	4	8
	£216	4	8

WAGES ACCOUNT.

By Free Library Rate Account	494	17	3
	£494	17	3

ACCOUNT.

By Sale of Catalogues	8	10	5
„ Fines upon Readers for Detention of Books	72	4	0
„ Fees for New Tickets and Post Cards	10	5	5
„ Lost and Damaged Books	2	6	9
„ Free Library Rate Account	361	4	0
	£454	10	7

Dr.

READING AND NEWS

	£	s.	d.
To Magazines and Periodicals	26	12	11
„ Newspapers, Illustrated Papers, &c.	64	14	7
„ Directories	10	5	0
„ Binding Magazines	16	17	7
	£118	10	1

MUSEUM

To Fossils and Shells Purchased	22	5	2
„ Mounting Specimens	2	0	0
„ Professional Assistance with Geological Collection ...	10	10	0
	£34	15	2

FREE LIBRARY

To Balance brought forward (being amount borrowed for the formation of the old Institution and owing as a loan)	500	0	0
	£500	0	0

SINKING FUND

To Free Library Capital Account—Payne, John—Amount Advanced on Loan	500	0	0
	£500	0	0

DERBY

To Free Library Rate at One Farthing in the £, one Quarter to 25th December, 1890	385	0	0
„ Ditto, Quarter ending 25th March, 1891	385	0	0
„ Ditto, Quarter ending 24th June, 1891	385	0	0
„ Ditto, Quarter ending 29th September, 1891	400	0	0
	£1555	0	0

LOAN

To Interest on Loan of £500, less Tax, one year to 29th September, 1891	21	17	2
„ Payne, John—Repayment of Loan	500	0	0
	£521	17	2

ROOMS ACCOUNT.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Sale of Old Newspapers, &c.	4	9	10
,, Free Library Rate Account	114	0	3
	£118	10	1

ACCOUNT.

By Free Library Rate Account	34	15	2
	£34	15	2

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

By Sinking Fund—Payne, John—Amount Advanced on Loan, April 27th, 1871	500	0	0
	£500	0	0

ACCOUNT.

By Balance brought forward	400	0	0
,, Further amount in hand towards re-payment of loan to John Payne	100	0	0
	£500	0	0

CORPORATION.

By Treasurer, Free Library Rate granted Nov. 9th, 1890 ...	385	0	0
,, Ditto, granted February 4th, 1891	385	0	0
,, Ditto, granted May 6th, 1891	385	0	0
,, Ditto, granted August 5th, 1891	400	0	0
	£1555	0	0

ACCOUNT.

By Balance brought forward, being Loan advanced by John Payne	500	0	0
,, Free Library Rate Account	21	17	2
	£521	17	2

Dr. ESTABLISHMENT

	£	s.	d.
To Gas ...	89	15	7
„ Water	12	8	6
„ Coal...	41	6	8
„ Fire Insurance	26	0	0
„ Ironmongery	3	14	1
„ Plants, Bulbs, &c., for Garden	7	12	0
„ Petty Cash Payments by Librarian	27	16	9
„ Printing Annual Reports ...	9	13	6
„ Various Printing and Stationery	10	5	0
„ Cleaning Windows ...	12	0	0
„ Property Tax and House Duty	1	2	6
„ Miscellaneous Expenses	6	0	4
„ Commission Charged by Bankers and Stamped Cheque Books ...	4	13	0
„ Clothing for Porter...	3	12	0
„ Winding Clock	3	0	0
„ India Rubber Mat ...	5	0	2
„ National Telephone Co. Annual Subscription	5	5	0
	£269	5	1

RATE

To Repairs and Alterations to Premises	216	4	8
„ Salaries and Wages	494	17	3
„ Library	361	4	0
„ Reading and News Rooms	114	0	3
„ Museum	34	15	2
„ Sinking Fund	100	0	0
„ Loan (Interest)	21	17	2
„ Establishment	257	6	8
„ Balance	197	12	1
	£1797	17	3

BALANCE

*„ Balance	197	12	1
	£197	12	1

*Liabilities :—

Grants for Books (unexpended) £150 0 0

ACCOUNT. Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Derby Mechanics' Institute, Acknowledgment for Enrolment	0	1	0
„ Interest allowed by Bankers	11	17	5
„ Free Library Rate Account	257	6	8
	£269	5	1

ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.
By Balance brought forward	242	17	3
„ Quarterly Rates granted by the Derby Town Council ...	1555	0	0
	£1797	17	3

SHEET.

	£	s.	d.
By Free Library and Museum...	197	12	1
	£197	12	1

H. M. HAYWOOD, Clerk.

We have examined the several Accounts of the Derby Free Library and Museum, for the year ending September 29th, 1891, and hereby certify that they are correct.—Dated this 24th day of October, 1891.

WATSON, SOWTER & Co., *Auditors appointed by the Corporation.*
GEORGE FROST, JAMES HARWOOD, } *Auditors appointed by the Burgesses.*
W. H. MARSDEN, *Auditor appointed by the Mayor.*

Derby Corporation

Abstract of the Accounts for the

Dr.

WAGES.

	£	s.	d.
To Wages to Attendant at Turnstile and Charwoman ...	78	0	0
	£78	0	0

REPAIRS AND

To Painting Interior and Exterior of Art Gallery	41	16	11
„ Painting Name of Gallery on Building	3	10	0
„ Fire Bars, and fixing same...	0	19	2
	£46	6	1

COLLECTION AND CARRIAGE OF

To Collection and Carriage of Pictures, &c., and obtaining Loans	198	2	11
	£198	2	11

ESTABLISHMENT

To Fire Insurance	10	17	5
„ Gas	21	13	3
„ Coal...	5	13	10
„ Ironmongery	5	4	3
„ Advertising	5	0	0
„ Printing, Stationery, and Posting	42	5	10
„ Printing Catalogues	35	8	0
„ Hire of Piano and Tuning same for Concerts	7	0	0
„ Petty Cash Payments by Curator	16	6	0
„ Interest and Commission charged by Bankers	11	1	6
„ Property Tax	2	10	0
„ Miscellaneous Expenses	1	2	0
	£164	2	1

DERBY CORPORATION

To Balance brought forward	292	4	0
	£292	4	0

Art Gallery.

Year ending September 29th, 1891.

ACCOUNT.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Art Gallery Account	78	0	0
	£78	0	0

ALTERATIONS ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.
By Art Gallery Account	46	6	1
	£46	6	1

PICTURES AND LOANS ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.
By Art Gallery Account	198	2	11
	£198	2	11

ACCOUNT.

				£	s.	d.
By Advertisements in Catalogues	28	3	0			
„ Sale of Catalogues	16	10	2			
				44	13	2
„ Derby Art Union, Oak Frames for Engravings (Repayment)				2	10	4
„ Art Gallery Account				116	18	7
				£164	2	1

ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.
By Derby Corporation, Amount owing to Banker at 29th September, 1890	292	4	0
	£292	4	0

Dr.

MEDAL COMPETITION

	£	s.	d.
To Medals and Cases	23	8	0
	£23	8	0

ART GALLERY

To Wages	78	0	0
„ Repairs and Alterations	46	6	1
„ Collection and Carriage of Pictures, &c.	198	2	11
„ Establishment	116	18	7
„ Medal Competition	22	13	6
	£462	1	1

BALANCE

To Art Gallery Account (Deficiency)	314	11	11
	£314	11	11

ACCOUNT. **Cr.**

	£	s.	d.
By Keene, R.—Subscription for Medal	0	14	6
„ Art Gallery Account	22	13	6
	£23	8	0

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

BY AUTUMN EXHIBITION, 1890-91.

Receipts at Turnstile	£41	3	3			
Hire of Piano	1	1	0			
Commission on Pictures sold	9	11	3			
				51	15	6

„ SPRING EXHIBITION, 1891.

Receipts at Turnstile	£67	9	3			
Commission on Pictures sold	8	11	0			
				76	0	3

„ SUMMER EXHIBITION, 1891.

Receipts at Turnstile	19	13	5
„ Balance (deficiency)	314	11	11
	£462	1	1

SHEET.

By Treasurer (amount owing)	314	9	11
„ Curator (amount overpaid by)	0	2	0
	£314	11	11

H. M. HAYWOOD, CLERK.

We have examined the several Accounts of the Derby Art Gallery for the year ending 29th September, 1891, and hereby certify that they are correct.

Dated this 24th day of October, 1891.

WATSON, SOWTER & Co., *Auditors appointed by the Corporation.*

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DERBY:

PRINTED BY RICHARD KEENE.

Borough of Derby.

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

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AND TENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

ART GALLERY COMMITTEE.

PRESENTED to the TOWN COUNCIL,

NOVEMBER 9th, 1892.

DERBY: BEWLEY AND ROE, LTD., PRINTERS, MARKET PLACE.

Borough of Derby.

TWENTY-FIRST

ANNUAL REPORT of the COMMITTEE

OF THE

DERBY FREE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM,

BRITISH MUSEUM NATURAL HISTORY

AND

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF

The Art Gallery Committee.

Presented to the Town Council,

NOVEMBER 9TH, 1892.

DERBY:
PRINTED BY BEWLEY AND ROE, LIMITED, MARKET PLACE.
1892.

LIST OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICIALS.

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,, ,, FOULDS.
,, ,, GENTLES.
,, ,, STONE.
,, ,, SUTHERLAND.
,, ,, WINTER.
,, ,, WRIGHT.
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,, S. COURT.
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,, W. J. PIPER.
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Art Gallery Committee.

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,, ,, WRIGHT.

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,, GEO. TURNER.

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MISS ETHEL J. CROWTHER.
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WILLIAM LOWNDES.
JOHN WEBSTER.

Art Gallery Attendant.

W. JOHNSON.

Porter.

GEORGE PULLEN.

Borough of Derby.

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Free Library and Museum Committee,

For the Year ended September 30th, 1892.

THE Free Library and Museum Committee beg to present to the Town Council their Twenty-first Annual Report, and have much pleasure in doing so, believing that the Institution under their charge was never more prosperous than at present, and that its work is being successfully carried out.

The record of the books issued varies little from that of last year, but all details will be found in the Librarian's Report, and in the exhaustive tables appended to it. New books have been added freely in both Lending and Reference Departments, the additions numbering 843 in the Lending Library, and 342 in the Reference Department. In addition to these, 589 worn-out volumes have been replaced, so that the total additions to the Library during the year number 1774, and, when all the money voted to the Book Committee has been expended, a sum of about £700 will be found to have been appropriated to the expenses of the Library department, which the Committee consider to be the most important of those under their charge. The first portion of the Catalogue of the "Devonshire" Library has been published, and embraces all the printed books in that valuable collection, and the cataloguing of the pamphlets and prints is now being proceeded with. A supplementary Catalogue of 119 pages has also been published, which embraces a reprint of an earlier supplement, and also contains the names of about 2,200 books added to the Library since June, 1890.

The building is in a good state of repair. The news rooms and corridor have been thoroughly painted and cleaned during the summer, the work having been previously done in 1887. The Committee are very

glad to know that it will soon be possible to light the building by the electric light. They believe that much will be saved in re-painting and bookbinding, while both the staff and the public will be much the gainers, by increased purity of atmosphere, and better light. After the robbery of Jubilee coins, which unfortunately took place in May last, the Committee made a thorough examination of the building, and additional precautions for its safety were taken in the shape of extra locks, bars to all the windows, and the extension of the electric alarm system to the houses of the Curator and Porter. They believe that these precautions, in conjunction with the half-hourly visits of the police both day and night, have now rendered the building as secure as possible.

The buildings were used for a Conversazione by His Worship the Mayor, on Saturday, June 4th, when he welcomed the delegates to the A.M.C. of the Manchester Unity of Odd-fellows; and once more proved their adaptability to such a purpose.

All those interested in the inner working of the Library will find much to interest them in the Librarian's Report and the tables which follow. The Committee desire to thank most heartily all the donors whose interest in the Institution is shown by their generous gifts, and they would specially thank those publishers who send periodical literature to the news rooms, either gratuitously, or at reduced rates. They are also glad to assure the Council of their complete satisfaction with the staff of the Institution, who they believe discharge their duties to the public with industry, tact, and courtesy.

On behalf of the Committee,

WILLIAM HOBSON,

CHAIRMAN.

November 1st, 1892.

To the Chairman and Members of the Derby Free Library and Museum Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

The time has come round for me to submit to you my Seventh Annual Report, and I do so with very great pleasure.

The Lending Library now contains 16,958 books, against 16,160 last year, and the total issues are 134,763 against 133,594, while the daily average is 515 against 518. 843 new books have been added, and 589 volumes withdrawn as worn out have been replaced by new copies. Early in the year, the Book Committee went through the whole of the worn-out list from the stock book, re-ordering such books as they thought desirable, and declaring the numbers vacant where the books were out of date or without interest. Nineteen volumes have been lost and paid for, six totally lost, and five coming from infected houses have been destroyed. I can only repeat what I have said on previous occasions, that with very few exceptions, the books are carefully used, and considering the extent of the circulation, there is very little cause for complaint.

The Reference Library stock now includes 9,664 works, of which 342 have been added during the past year, and it has not been found necessary to withdraw any from circulation. The number added includes a large number of the volumes of Patent Specifications, and I would draw attention to the largely increased use of this Department. The daily average issue in the Reference Library is precisely the same as last year, indeed the year's work as a whole has been singularly like that of the preceding year. Great care has been exercised in the choice of the new books added, preference being given to those likely to be of service to *students* and to workmen employed in the various industries of the town. Both these classes use the Reference Library largely. As in previous years, the text books presented by the University Correspondence College are greatly in request, and the University of Cambridge lent some of the more valuable books used as text books for the University Extension Lectures.

I think there is nothing else in the statistics to which special attention need be drawn. The preparation and publication of two book Catalogues, the cataloguing and labelling of the "Felix Joseph" collection of China, and the labelling of the fossils, have made this the busiest year for clerical

work that I have yet had, but the whole has been done without any serious hindrance to the ordinary work of the Institution. In the preparation of the "Devonshire" Catalogue, my assistant, Mr. W. H. Walton, rendered invaluable assistance, and dealt with the many details in a most careful and painstaking way.

The last thousand of the new borrowers are thus distributed in the various wards, the second column showing the number that would be reasonably expected per thousand, according to the number of householders.

WARD.	Actual Number of Borrowers.	Number according to Population.
Arboretum	143	160
Babington	153	126
Becket	266	188
Castle	64	118
Derwent	53	64
Friargate	125	115
King's Mead	109	142
Litchurch	87	87

Becket Ward furnishes far above its proper quota of readers, Babington and Friargate Wards are also considerably in advance. Litchurch Ward has exactly its right proportion, and the other wards fall below. Castle Ward supplies only slightly more than half its proper share.

The news rooms are as fully used as ever, and I have not had any complaint of the conduct of those who frequent them, neither has there been the slightest difficulty in securing and maintaining orderly behaviour. Early in the year there was an epidemic of that petty pilfering, which is never entirely absent from our own and similar institutions, but a printed appeal to those using the rooms to protect their own property, had the desired effect, and I am glad to say that we have had no case now for some months.

I am very glad indeed to report that the re-arrangement of the fossils in the Museum is at length completed. The work has been a long and an arduous one, and the Sub-Committee charged with this special work has spared neither time nor trouble in carrying it out. The collection now consists of about 3,600 specimens, local species being well represented, and the whole forms just such a collection of types as will be most useful to the

Student of Geology. Many purchases have been made, both in England and on the Continent, and a few blanks have been left for typical specimens which it is hoped may be obtained at some future time. Now the work has been completed, it is right to place on record here that Mr. J. W. Carr, M.A., did most of the naming, Messrs. A. H. Stokes, F.G.S., and H. Arnold-Bemrose, M.A., F.G.S., the greater part of the classification and arrangement, while the whole of the mounting has been most intelligently and carefully done by our own man, Mr. George Pullen. To one and all of these willing helpers I beg to express my deepest obligations.

The completion of this re-arrangement put a certain amount of case room at the disposal of the Committee, and this they have decided to devote to specimens of Local Archæology. The few specimens they possess have been placed in position, and doubtless other specimens will be obtained from time to time, particularly now that the attention of the local Archæological and Natural History Society has been called to the matter. The Committee will, I am sure, be glad to receive and find room for, suitable local specimens from any source.

A short time since, the Rev. C. G. K. Gillespie, an eminent Egyptologist and Oriental scholar, kindly undertook to see how far the inscriptions on the mummies in the Museum could be deciphered and devoted much time and trouble to that end. He writes me that he has not quite finished the work of translation, but he assures me that the mummies are of special interest, and that although the inscriptions are not absolutely complete or continuous, sufficient is clearly legible to give hope of results of a permanently interesting character.

The principal members of our staff have remained unchanged during the past year. To their zeal and efficiency I have always had the utmost pleasure in testifying, and now do so again with very great satisfaction. It only remains for me to express my personal obligations to the Chairman and all the members of the Committee for the kind consideration I always receive at their hands, and their anxiety to make my many duties in connection with this Institution as pleasant as possible to discharge.

The usual tables are appended to this Report, and also the Report on my visit to the Meeting of the Library Association in Paris, which you did me the honour to order to be printed.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Obediently yours,

W. CROWTHER,

November 1st, 1892. LIBRARIAN AND CURATOR.

Tenth Annual Report

OF

The Corporation Art Gallery Committee.

THE Art Gallery Committee have very great pleasure in presenting to the Town Council their Tenth Annual Report. The Gallery has been open 278 days, and the number of visitors is shown in the following table:—

	1889-90.	1890-91.	1891-92.
Visitors to Autumn Exhibition	12776	15842	20027
,, Spring ,, ...	12540	30799	20648
,, Summer ,, ...	5958	10045	11289
Total Visitors	31274	56686	51964
Total Days Open by Payment	206	209	194
,, ,, Free	43	44	84
Total Days Open	249	253	278
Average on Paying Days	70·7	82·6	78·3
,, Free Days	388·5	477·7	437·8

These figures, the Committee think, are highly satisfactory. The attendance last year was altogether abnormal, including, as it did, some nineteen thousand visitors who came to see the addresses presented to Her Majesty the Queen. Deducting these, the attendance shows an increase of fourteen thousand on last year, and of twenty thousand on 1889-90. That the extra free day granted by the Council is appreciated is proved by the fact that the average attendance on each of the 84 days is only about 40 less than it was on the 44 days of the previous year; and that out of the grand total of visitors, more than two-thirds came on the free days. The highest attendance on a free day was 1165 on September 22nd, and, on a paying day, 782 on June 6th.

The amount to be asked for from the Council is £322, only £9 more than last year, in spite of the additional free day, a result which is very gratifying. The receipts at the turnstiles have been £45 less than last year, but £34 of last year's receipts were abnormal from the

cause mentioned above; so that the real additional cost of the free day has been about £12. On the other hand, the sales of catalogues have been much larger, and the catalogue value of pictures sold during the year has risen from £360 to £1024, a result gratifying alike to the Committee and to the artists who exhibit.

The Autumn Exhibition was a very good one indeed, and the Art Union in connection with it realised £117 8s., the highest amount yet reached.

In the Spring Exhibition, the experiment of the previous year was repeated with much success, a number of good pictures by Continental artists being added. Both years the Committee have been much indebted to the Messrs. W. & J. DIERKEN, of the Continental Gallery, for valuable and attractive loans.

For the Summer Exhibition, the Committee were fortunate enough to secure the loan of the "First Travelling Historical Collection of Water Colours" from South Kensington Museum. This interesting collection numbered 176 examples and was of inestimable value to Art Students, as well as interesting to the general public. The Committee wish to gratefully acknowledge the readiness with which the Museum authorities met their request for this loan, as well as for the endeavours made to meet their wishes when the annual change of loan objects took place.

The Autumn Exhibition now in progress was opened on October 4th, and seems likely to be as popular as its predecessors. During the four weeks it has been open, it has been visited by 5,400 persons, and the sales have, up to the present, been satisfactory.

The picture "Coriolanus" by W. HAMILTON, R.A., presented to the Art Gallery by E. H. PARES, Esq, J.P., of Hopwell, and briefly referred to in the last Report, has now been received, and put in position. It is a fine work of art, and will form a valuable addition to the permanent collection.

The Seventh Season of Saturday Concerts arranged by the Curator was fully as successful as its predecessors. Sixteen concerts were given which yielded a profit of about £10. The whole series of concerts during the last seven winters now numbers 125, and the profits to the Art Gallery have reached £170. To the Curator, and all those ladies and gentlemen who have so kindly assisted him, the Committee desire once more to present their heartiest thanks.

A heavy loss has been experienced by this Committee in the death of Mr. FELIX JOSEPH, in August last. From the time he first set foot in the Art Gallery, he had been its zealous friend and supporter, and his gifts to it had been almost continuous. The magnificent collection of

Derby China with which he has enriched the Gallery will be to the town his most fitting monument, and will always cause his name to be held in grateful remembrance. When the last Report was issued, the "Felix Joseph" collection numbered 452 specimens. To these Mr. JOSEPH was constantly adding up to the very time of his death, and the collection now contains 600 examples. These have been completely labelled, and an exhaustive catalogue prepared by the Curator under the Chairman's direction. The marks have been carefully copied, and reproduced on the labels, so that the collection is now as valuable to the collector and the student, as it is interesting to the general public. As historical examples of local Art industry, the "Felix Joseph" collection will add to the attractions of the Gallery for all time; to those who knew the generous donor intimately it will always bring to pleasant remembrance

"The touch of a vanished hand
And the sound of a voice that is still."

A fine bowl, silver ladle, and stand ought to be specially mentioned, which Mr. JOSEPH gave for the special purpose of gracing the festal board on important civic occasions, and also the fact that his gifts of china were supplemented by that of 58 beautiful watercolour drawings by ROBERTSON and BREWER, two of the old Derby china painters, and by 24 views in black and white of Derbyshire scenery, by JOSEPH FARINGTON, R.A., each with its attendant engraving. These are all suitably mounted and framed, and formed an attractive feature of the Summer Exhibition.

Death has been busy among the friends of the Art Gallery during the past year. Mr. F. J. ROBINSON, who died in June last, had been a member of the Committee from the foundation of the institution, and his services were neither few nor small. By his death the members of the Committee lose a valued colleague, and by the deaths of the Rev. Canon OLIVIER and Sir WILLIAM EVANS, the Art Gallery loses two warm friends of long standing, whose lively interest in it was shown in many different ways.

The Rev. Canon OLIVIER lent a case of very choice Derby china to the Gallery some eight months ago. Since this report has been in type, Mrs. OLIVIER has generously presented the whole collection to the Art Gallery, in the belief that she is carrying out her deceased husband's wishes, and thus placing before the people of Derby a permanent monument of his kindly interest in the Art Gallery. The warmest thanks of the Committee and of the Council are due to Mrs. OLIVIER for this very handsome and appropriate gift.

In concluding this Report, the Committee beg to assure the Council that their most strenuous efforts shall be directed toward increasing the popularity and usefulness of the Gallery. They think that its present position is one for congratulation. Its exhibitions have

so increased in popularity that there would be no difficulty in securing a much larger number of pictures were there space to exhibit them, and a large number have now to be rejected on every occasion, simply for want of room. The way in which our townsmen appreciate the Gallery is shown by the increased numbers in which they visit it, and by the generous donations given from time to time. The Committee are very glad to know that the installation of the electric light is probably an event of the near future, and this will add much to the attractiveness and suitability of the Gallery to its purpose. They desire in closing to acknowledge the zealous and well-directed services of the Curator, to whom much of the success which attends the Art Gallery is due.

On behalf of the Committee,

WILLIAM BEMROSE,

CHAIRMAN.

November 1st, 1892.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

ON HIS VISIT TO PARIS TO ATTEND

The Annual Meetings of the Library Association

OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

(Presented to the Committee on September 26th, 1892, and ordered by them to be printed with the Annual Report.)

THE meetings of the Association were held in the Grand Hall of the National Art School, a magnificent room, with its walls decorated with fine fresoes by PAUL DELAROCHE. We were indebted to the courtesy of the Minister of Public Instruction for the use of this room, and for the excellent arrangements made for our comfort and convenience while there. The president of the gathering was M. BELJAME, Professor of English Literature at the Sorbonne, who spoke English fluently, and showed himself an adept at managing the business of public meetings. His welcome to the visitors was in the happiest possible vein. The morning of each day was devoted to the reading of papers, and discussions thereon; and the afternoons to the visiting of the various Libraries and public Institutions.

The papers and reports down for consideration and discussion numbered about thirty, and many of them had necessarily to be omitted for want of time; but among those read were the following:—

"An Account of the French National Library," by M. JULIEN HAVET.

"The British Museum Catalogue considered as a basis for a Universal Catalogue," by Dr. GARNETT, of the British Museum.

"French Artists and English Bookbinding," by Mr. Councillor CEDRIC CHIVERS, of Bath.

"Present Methods of Cloth-binding," by Mr. ROGER DE COVERLEY.

"The Public Libraries of the City of Manchester," by Mr. Councillor HARRY RAWSON, Vice-Chairman of the Manchester Free Library Committee.

"Women Librarians," by Miss KATE JAMES, Librarian of the People's Palace, London.

"Remainders," by Mr. JOSEPH GILBURT.

Dr. GARNETT's paper opened a very wide subject, and gave rise to a very interesting discussion, and a paper by Mr. DENT, of Aston, on "Free Lectures in connection with Free Libraries," made me wish that we had a room in connection with our premises suitable for such a purpose. Mr. RAWSON's paper was a very interesting one, and gave a full record of

library work in the city which was the first to open a free library under Mr. EWART's Act; and the employment of women in libraries found a vigorous supporter in Miss JAMES. French translations of the last two papers had been prepared and were circulated. Mr. GILBURT's paper ought to set all aspiring authors longing to print, a-thinking. He makes the astounding statement—and we believe he knows—that the unsold copies of books published in London reach 300,000 every year. Some half-dozen other papers were read, more interesting to the bibliographer and the bookworm than to the practical librarian, and these will doubtless all appear in due course in the Journal of the Association, where they will receive all the attention they deserve from a much more extended circle.

Coming now to the places visited, the first was the Mazarine Library, founded by the famous Cardinal who bore that name. It was made a public library in 1691, and is one of the four Government libraries of Paris. It is open daily from eleven till five o'clock, free. It contains 300,000 books and 5,800 manuscripts, and is specially rich in early Bibles and religious books, among them being a copy the famous Bible printed by Gutenberg, and known as the Mazarin Bible. The annual State maintenance grant to this institution is £1,880, of which £1,280 is expended in salaries. The daily average of readers is about 40.

A visit followed to the Library of the Society of the History of French Protestantism, a most interesting place maintained by a private Society, but recognised by the State. The Society was founded in 1852, and now owns 30,000 books, and 400 manuscripts, some of the latter, bearing on early Huguenot history, being priceless. The series of fire and thief-proof safes in which these valuables are kept is not the least remarkable feature of the collection.

On the second day, visits were paid to three typical Municipal Libraries, those in the First and Second Arrondissements, and to the Forney Art Library. These visits were naturally among the most interesting we paid, and some features in these Institutions are worthy of special mention. A capital report was prepared for the Association by His Excellency the Minister of Public Instruction, and this contains most valuable information respecting the Paris system of Municipal Libraries. The work was fairly begun in 1878, at which time there were only nine of these Libraries, and five only were much resorted to by the public. Now there are 64 of them, and the scheme will not be considered complete till there is one in each of the eighty wards of Paris. There is one in each of the twenty Mairies, and the rest are located for the most part in the communal schools. As a rule they are open from 4 to 6, and from 8 to 10 p.m., and from 10 a.m. to 12 on Sundays. Attached to all is a small Reference Department, and they all lend out bound volumes of music. In the year 1890, the total issues reached 1,386,642, whereas in 1878 they

had only reached 23,339. Verily a good record in twelve short years. Of course the Libraries are small, and the total amount raised for their support being only £9,000, gives each an annual income of only about £140. The expense falls on the City funds, and the Libraries are managed by small Committees appointed by the Mayoralty, and presided over by the Mayor; and these Committees are responsible to the Prefect of the Seine. We are told that cases of theft or ill-usage of books is very rare indeed, and that the multiplication of Libraries has had the happiest of effects on the people of Paris.

Some remarks of M. le Ministre on the reading of fiction are so much to the point that I quote them *in extenso*:—

"It must be admitted that, in the totals, the instructive book is far from furnishing the largest quota. Of the 1,386,642 issues in 1890, Fiction alone laid claim to 690,105.

"The proportion is a considerable one, although from the first the Administration has endeavoured to discourage the taste of the public for merely light reading.

"Some years ago, instructions to this effect were given to the librarians, who were invited to use the influence their almost daily intercourse with the frequenters of their libraries was able to give them, to induce the latter to turn, by choice, to works of a more serious nature. The result of this campaign was that, in 1887, the average of issues fell from 24,764 to 22,517. Rather than confine themselves to instructive books, the novel-readers chose to desert the library.

"And the fact is easily explained. It is hard to require of a labourer, or of an artisan, or of a young shop employé, kept close all day long to his bench or his counter, that after his toil he should devote his leisure hours to kinds of reading which require a certain tension of mind, for which, too, his early education has little prepared him.

"It seems, moreover, that it is just this class of readers who deserve thoughtful attention. For the very reason that they come to the municipal libraries to seek amusement, and amusement only, is not the keeping of them away attended with danger? Is not the denial to them of the only kind of reading in which they know how to be interested the way to compel them to take elsewhere pleasures often of a far less innocent nature? The only precaution that need be observed is not to let books of an immoral nature fall into their hands; and it is to this object that the committees, whose business it is to purchase the books, should direct their care and thought."

Ten of the municipal libraries make the lending out of Art books and single drawings and designs a special feature, and this to me was an entirely new and interesting arrangement. I again quote from the Report before referred to.

"Apart from practical work, books are not sufficient of themselves for the education either of the labourer or of the artisan engaged in manufacture; to complete their technical instruction, and above all to mould and refine their taste, the study of patterns is a *sine qua non*. To this idea is due the creation of municipal libraries for Industrial Art, where is studied, and, above all, lent out, patterns (in the form of prints, photographs and designs) which are of the greatest possible use to the section of the working-class population of Paris

whose callings are confined to Art, and derive their inspiration from it. These Industrial Arts, which have always been the glory of Paris—the cabinet maker's, the porcelain and fan-painter's, the bronze worker's and embroiderer's, that of the skilled pattern-designers of both sexes—all these find the elements of study and comparison, and, as a consequence, of inspiration, in the Industrial Art Libraries."

The chief of these places is the Forney Library in the 11th Arrondissement, founded by a special legacy of £8,000, left by M. Samuel Forney. Here we saw single plates from the most expensive Art books, mounted on linen or cardboard, and placed in portfolios which borrowers could take home. Designs for every conceivable purpose, from gold and silver plate to wall-papers, are thus lent out, and the managers claim justly that these costly books are thus made available for many students at a time instead of few, and they say that already the list of those successful artificers who owe much of their success to the help obtained at this Library is a very long one. Specimens of most beautiful work were shown us, and some Art needlework copied from designs lent by the Forney Library, was the best I have ever seen. Little or no injury is ever done to the most valuable plates, and their issue of technical books and drawings during the year 1890 was nearly 40,000. I am not sure whether the plan would work in England, but think it well worth a trial in these days when Technical Instruction is so much talked about, and so little understood. It should be mentioned that there are facilities for study and for copying in the building itself, and that the number of Art works for loan is about 3,000 volumes and nearly 35,000 engravings and photographs.

A visit was also paid on the same day to the Museé Carnavalet, the historical Museum of the City of Paris, an absolute model of what such an Institution should be; and another portion of the company visited the Arsenal Library, another of the four great National Libraries. This contains 453,000 books, and nearly 10,000 manuscripts, and one of its most interesting features is the possession of the records of the Bastille.

On the Wednesday, the members were received and most hospitably entertained by the President and members of the Cercle de la Librairie, an association of French booksellers, and later in the day were conducted over the magnificent Hotel de Ville, and received by M. le Prefet de la Seine. On Thursday, the most important visit of all was paid, to the National Library, over whose treasures we were shewn by M. Delisle, the courteous chief, and his colleagues. A cursory inspection took us nearly five hours, and we were quite ready for the excellent refreshment which the thoughtfulness of Madame Delisle had provided for us before leaving. This is the only Library in the world larger than that of the British Museum, and its three millions of books occupy twenty-two miles of shelving. Besides these, there is a matchless collection of maps, charts, medals, and gems. The whole Institution is admirably kept, is in perfect order, and fully realizes

the idea of a National Library. There are three large Reading Rooms, one for the working classes, where 20,000 popular volumes may be consulted; the great "Salle de travail," where in the year 1890, 99,112 readers consulted 398,166 books; and an inner manuscript room, where we saw some forty or fifty students reading and copying manuscripts, many of which were so precious that they were only issued in carefully locked cases with glass fronts. The Library is not yet fully catalogued, but the work is being rapidly proceeded with. The annual State grant is £31,000, which covers all expenses.

Friday was devoted to miscellaneous sight seeing, and I renewed my acquaintance with several of the churches and picture galleries, and saw the new galleries of the Luxembourg for the first time. On Saturday, a pleasant visit was brought to a pleasant close, by a journey to Chantilly. The Duc d'Aumale had kindly invited the Association to visit his splendid palace, and inspect his art treasures. He himself did us the honour of personally pointing out the principal objects in his magnificent collection, and very handsomely entertained us.

The visit on the whole, was a very successful one, and must be productive of good to those who used their eyes and ears. We were treated throughout with utmost courtesy and consideration; a representative of the French Government, and also one from the National Library being present at all our meetings, while His Excellency the British Ambassador, Lord Dufferin, was twice present, although very unwell, and made a charming little speech. On all hands, the greatest cordiality was manifested, and everything was done to make our visit pleasant. The many "receptions" differed considerably from similar functions as understood in England; to put it plainly, there was more speechmaking, and less bodily refreshment. But "other lands, other manners," and the genuine heartiness of the welcome we everywhere received, could not possibly be disputed. I am persuaded that the visit will be productive of much good to all those who took part in it; and one result will be to draw more closely together, those who, although belonging to different nationalities, are alike striving, by means of the institutions under their charge, to spread instruction and refinement among the people.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

WILLIAM CROWTHER,

September 26th, 1892. LIBRARIAN.

TABLE I.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	1 No. of Volumes in Library, September, 1891.	2 Volumes lost and paid for.	3 Volumes from Infected Houses Destroyed.	4 Volumes Totally Lost.	5 Volumes Withdrawn as worn out.	6 Total.	Stock reduced as per Column 6.	No. of Books Replaced.	No. of New Books.	Present Library Stock, 1892.	Total Increase in each case.	Percentage of Books in each Class.
Arts and Sciences	1561	1	...	...	...	1	1560	5	74	1639	78	9·66
Law and Politics	205	...	...	...	...	...	205	...	24	229	24	1·35
Natural History	362	1	...	...	1	2	360	1	22	383	21	2·26
Poetry and Drama	548	...	...	...	1	1	547	2	35	584	36	3·44
Theology and Philosophy ...	810	1	...	...	...	1	809	...	40	849	39	5·00
Light Literature	5925	16	5	5	548	574	5351	561	347	6259	334	36·91
History, Travels, and Biography	5269	...	...	...	17	17	5252	10	196	5458	189	32·20
Miscellaneous	1480	...	...	1	37	38	1442	10	105	1557	77	9·18
Totals	16160	19	5	6	604	634	15526	589	843	16958	798	100·00

TABLE II.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

SHOWING THE MONTHLY ISSUE IN EACH CLASS, THE NUMBER OF DAYS THE LIBRARY WAS OPEN, THE TOTAL VOLUMES ISSUED, AND THE DAILY AVERAGE.

MONTH.	No of Days Open.	Science and Art.	Politics and Commerce.	Natural History.	Theology and Philosophy.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, and Travel.	Miscellaneous.	Total.	Daily Average of Volumes.
1891.											
October	25	354	13	63	77	91	11542	577	632	13349	534
November	23	300	11	56	53	77	9478	529	549	11053	480
December	19½	267	6	41	72	65	8427	465	461	9804	503
1892.											
January	24	304	8	49	68	86	10900	617	605	12637	526
February	23	372	11	70	75	72	11641	671	609	13521	588
March	24½	369	17	82	85	93	11699	633	604	13582	554
April	19½	317	15	67	61	58	10104	543	485	11650	597
May	24	324	22	82	59	57	10602	533	527	12206	508
June	7	75	2	18	11	13	2299	121	143	2682	383
July	24	211	8	49	49	61	9131	452	517	10478	437
August	23½	311	9	55	59	65	9702	519	546	11266	479
September	24	367	16	46	70	62	10761	635	578	12535	522
Totals	261	3571	138	678	739	800	116286	6295	6256	134763	516

TABLE III.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	No. of Vols. in Library, September, 1891.	Additions during the year	Present Library Stock, 1892.
Arts and Sciences	1803	88	1891
Law and Politics	233	10	243
Natural History	521	12	533
Poetry and Drama	157	2	159
Theology and Philosophy	271	4	275
Light Literature...	63	...	63
History, Travels, Biography, etc.	1597	26	1623
Miscellaneous	1247	32	1279
Devonshire Library	1198	23	1221
Patent Library	2232	*145	2377
Total	9322	342	9664

Pamphlets not included in the above. * Patents are now received singly, and only *completed* volumes are here included.

TABLE IV.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

SHOWING THE MONTHLY ISSUE IN EACH CLASS, THE NUMBER OF DAYS THE LIBRARY WAS OPEN, THE TOTAL VOLUMES ISSUED, AND THE DAILY AVERAGE.

MONTH.	No. of Days Open.	Science and Art.	Politics and Commerce.	Natural History.	Theology and Philosophy.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, and Travel.	Miscellaneous.	Patent Library.	Books for Blind.	Devonshire Library	Total.	Daily Average of Volumes
1891.														
October ...	27	378	6	55	86	25	233	327	224	12	...	1	1347	49
November ...	25	412	16	64	45	52	102	247	333	21	...	..	1292	52
December ...	22	319	10	39	22	15	155	230	212	32	...	9	1043	47
1892.														
January ...	26	314	6	69	70	58	104	243	207	3	...	6	1080	41
February ...	25	352	15	61	50	27	151	265	187	40	...	12	1160	46
March ...	27	379	10	148	42	44	115	239	182	128	...	...	1287	48
April ...	21	235	5	54	30	26	65	152	80	76	...	...	723	34
May ...	26	208	25	76	47	60	55	224	119	112	...	2	928	36
June ...	11	92	7	18	10	10	11	69	45	19	...	12	293	26
July ...	26	200	17	47	52	22	57	159	142	25	...	27	748	29
August ...	26	334	10	55	90	23	54	246	210	29	...	17	1068	42
September ...	26	550	26	110	52	30	81	323	360	883	...	...	2415	93
Totals ...	288	3773	153	796	596	392	1183	2724	2301	1380	...	86	13384	47

TABLE V.

MISCELLANEOUS.

MONTH.	No. of New Borrowers.		No. of Cards Cancelled.	No. of Overdue Books written for.	No. of Books Re-bound.	No. of Books Repaired and Numbered.
	Males.	Females.				
1891.						
October	97	39	6	37	...	209
November	78	42	14	35	...	313
December	52	23	5	48	...	281
1892.						
January	80	32	13	71	...	255
February	84	39	7	27	...	300
March	81	33	14	49	210	254
April	41	20	12	64	...	287
May	46	27	8	63	53	236
June	11	5	2	..	385	624
July	52	24	3	14	...	180
August...	54	26	8	46	62	153
September	67	29	15	60	...	326
Totals	743	339	107	514	710	3418

Approximate Total No. of Borrowers' Tickets now in force ... 7,500

TABLE VI.

Occupations of the Last Thousand of the New Borrowers.

Agents and Collectors	10
Apprentices and Shop Assistants	75
Architects, Draughtsmen, and Designers	10
Barrister...	1
Basket Makers	3
Billiard Marker...	1
Boiler Makers	3
Bookbinders, Printers, and Compositors	13
Booksellers and Stationers ...	5
Boot and Shoe Makers ...	8
Brass Founder	1
Bricklayers and Masons ...	2
Builders, Carpenters, and Joiners, Cabinet Makers and Upholsterers	25
Butchers	4
Carriage Builders	3
Carter	1
Chemists and Druggists ...	2
Clergymen, Ministers, and Lay-readers	8
Clerks and Book Keepers ...	84
Commercial Travellers... ...	6
Cooper	1
Dancing Mistresses	2
Domestic Servants	7
Drapers	8
Electrician	1
Engineers, Moulders, Smiths, Fitters, and Engine Drivers ...	60
Errand and Office Boys ...	24
Factory Hands	19
Gardeners and Green Grocers...	4
Grocers and Provision Dealers...	6
Grooms, Coachmen, and Drivers	4
Hairdressers	5
Housekeepers	7
Inland Revenue Officers ...	2
Inspectors	6
Journalist	1
Labourers	11
Laundress	1
Lecturer	1
Managers of Works	8
Medical Practitioners	6
Merchants	7
Messengers	16
Miller	1
Milliners and Dressmakers ...	28
Musicians	2
Pattern Makers...	3
Painters and Paperhangers ...	14
Photographers	2
Plumbers and Glaziers... ...	3
Policemen	5
Porcelain Painters	3
Porters (general)	15
Postmen	2
Potter	1
Publicans and Brewers... ...	3
Railway Employés	12
Sadler	1
Scholars and Students	145
Soldier	1
Solicitor	1
Sweep	1
Tailors and Hosiers	18
Taxidermist	1
Teachers and Pupil-Teachers ...	57
Telegraphists	5
Turners	8
Watchman	1
Watch Makers and Jewellers ...	3
Wheelwright	1
No occupation	202
	1,000

TABLE VII.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

COMPARATIVE RETURNS.

	1891.	1892.
Lending Library Replacements	376	589
New Books	882	843
Total Books	16160	16958
„ Issues	133594	134763
Average Daily Issue	518	516
Turnover of each Volume	8·27	7·94
Reference Library:		
New Books	254	342
Total Books	9322	9664
„ Issues	13520	13384
Average Daily Issue	47	47
New Borrowers...	1141	1082
Total Borrowers (approximate)	7500	7500
Numbers of Works issued per Borrower ...	17·81	17 97
Cards Cancelled	47	107
Overdue Books written for	471	514
Books Rebound and Repaired	4299	4128

GENERAL DATA.

Population (estimated to June, 1892)	95,908
Rateable Value (September, 1892)	£389,629
Amount of Rate Levied...	ONE PENNY
Amount produced by Rate	£1,600
Library Stock	27·75 PER CENT. OF POPULATION

Donations to the Library.

AGENT GENERAL FOR VICTORIA, THE—Victorian Year Book, 12 copies; Victoria Handbook.

AGENT GENERAL FOR TASMANIA, THE—Australian Year Book for 1892; Tasmanian Official Record, 1892.

ALLEYNE, SIR JOHN, BART.—A Year's "Nature"; ditto "Engineering."

ANDERSON ANDERSON & CO., MESSRS.—"Orient" Line Guide.

AUSTIN, S. AND SONS, MESSRS.—Various parts and Volumes of the Philological Society's Transactions; List of Ballad Society's Publications.

BEMROSE AND SONS, MESSRS.—Parcel of Red Books to complete set.

BILLING, MRS.—Scientific Materialism and Ultimate Conceptions.

BODEN, HENRY, ESQ.—Three copies "Wit and Wisdom" of Sir Wilfrid Lawson.

BRITISH ASSOCIATION, HON. SECRETARY OF—Handbook of Cardiff and District.

BRITISH MUSEUM, TRUSTEES OF—Reproduction of Prints in British Museum. New Series, Part 4, Italian Prints, 16th Century; Catalogue of Cuneiform Tablets, Vol. 2.

BROWNE, T. B., ESQ.—Advertisers' A B C, 1892.

CADBURY BROTHERS, MESSRS.—Two Copies "Cocoa and all about it."

CASSELL AND CO., MESSRS.—Cassell's Illustrated Almanac and Companion.

CHIEF LIBRARIAN, Free Public Library, Nottingham—Class List No. 17.
" " Minet " " Camberwell—Catalogue.
" " Free " " Plymouth—Catalogue.
" " " " " Richmond, Surrey—Catalogue.

CLERK TO THE HYTHE COMMISSIONERS, THE—Hythe, Folkestone and Sandgate Pictorial.

COBDEN CLUB, COMMITTEE OF THE—Two Copies of "Industrial Freedom."

COURT, S., ESQ.—Two copies Nomad Archbutt's paper on "Dust."

CURATOR, Museum and Art Gallery, Birmingham—Annual Report.
" " " Leeds "
" " " St. Helen's—Catalogue, Summer 1892.

CURRIE, SIR DONALD & CO.—Cruise of the Dunottar Castle; South Africa and how to reach it; Health: the Voyage to South Africa; Map of South Africa.

CUST, ROBERT N. ESQ., LL.D.—Africa Rediviva.

DAVIS HENRY, ESQ.—Hebrew Accents, by Arthur Davis.

DEAF AND DUMB INSTITUTE, COMMITTEE OF—Twelfth Annual Report.

DEAN AND SON, MESSRS.—Export Merchant Shippers' Directory.

DERBY CONSERVATIVE CLUB, COMMITTEE OF—"The Times" as published.

DERBYSHIRE ARCHÆOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY—Six volumes "Journal," 1887-92.

FISK, T., ESQ.—Adcock's Engineer's Pocket Book; Skyring's Builder's Price Book.

GILL, GEORGE & SONS, MESSRS.—Gill's Students' Geography.

GISBORNE, T. M., ESQ.—Four volumes and miscellaneous numbers, Journal of the Society of Arts.

HARCOURT, SIR W. V., M.P.—Blue Books and Government Papers.

HEREFORD, TOWN CLERK OF—Illustrated Hereford.

HOBSON, MR. ALDERMAN, J.P.—Mello's Handbook to the Geology of Derbyshire; Raphael's Almanac, 1892; Livestock Journal Almanac, 1892; Land, its attractions and riches.

HODGES, FIGGIS & CO., MESSRS.—Dublin University Calendar, 1892; Examination Papers, 1891.

ILIFFE, DR.—Fifteenth Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for Derby, 1891.

LEYTON, F., ESQ.—The Shadows of the Lake.

LIBRARY REPORTS from Aberdeen, Aston, Barrow-in-Furness, Battersea, Belfast, Birkenhead, Birmingham, Blackpool, Bolton, Bootle, Bradford, Brentford, Brighton, Camberwell, Cambridge, Cardiff, Chelsea, Cheltenham, Chester, Clapham, Clerkenwell, Clitheroe, Croydon, Darwen, Doncaster, Ealing, Folkestone, Fulham, Glasgow, Great Yarmouth, Halifax, Hammersmith, Handsworth, Hanley, Hereford, Lambeth, Leamington, Leeds, Leek, Leicester, Liverpool, Loughborough, Manchester, Newport, Norwich, Nottingham, Paddington, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Preston, Richmond (Surrey), Rochdale, Rotherham, Shakespeare Memorial Library (Stratford-on-Avon), Sheffield, Smethwick, Southampton, South Kensington, Southport, St. Helen's, St. Margaret's (Westminster), St.-Martin-in-the-Fields, Stafford, Stoke-on-Trent, Sunderland, Swansea, Tynemouth, Walsall, Warrington, West Bromwich, Wigan, Wimbledon, Wolverhampton.

MILNE, A. R., ESQ.—Modern Science Unlocking the Bible; Evolution Illuminating the Bible.

MORRIS, J. S. C., ESQ.—Business Directory of London, 1892.

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM, S. KENSINGTON, DIRECTORS OF—Catalogue of Birds, Volumes 16, 17, 20.

NEWTON & ESKELL, MESSRS.—A B C Hotel Guide.

OGLE, DR.—British Association Reports, 1888, 1889, 1890. (3 Vols.)

REGISTRAR, DURHAM UNIVERSITY—Calendar for 1892.

RYLANDS, DAN, MESSRS.—Illustrated Catalogue, No. 4.

SECRETARY, Congregational Union of England and Wales—Journal of Proceedings.

SECRETARY, Derby County Council—Directory Technical Education Committee, 1892-3.

SECRETARY, Glasgow and W. Scotland Technical College—Calendar, 1892-3.

SECRETARY, Public Library, Melbourne—Vols. 20-21 Patent Indexes, 1885-6, Victoria.

SECRETARY, Imperial Institute—Year Book, 1892.

SECRETARY, Royal Colonial Institute—Proceedings, 1892.

SECRETARY, Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children—Pamphlet: "The Crown and the Child."

SECRETARY, Travelling Tax Abolition Committee—Two Volumes of the Society's Gazette.

SECRETARY, University College, Bristol—Calendar, 1892-3.

SELL, HENRY, ESQ.—Dictionary of the World's Press.

SLEIGH, JOHN, ESQ.—Portrait of Local Celebrity, "Joe Pick," for Derbyshire Scrap Book,

SOMERVILLE, ALEX, ESQ.—A Modern Apostle.

THATCHER, MR.—The Book of Mormon.

TRUBNER & CO., MESSRS.—The Recent Depression in Trade; Fair Representation.

UNIVERSITY CORRESPONDENCE COLLEGE (per Messrs. W. B. Clive and Co.)—Forty-six Vols. Tutorial Series.

VIRTUE & CO., MESSRS.—The Year's Art, 1891.

WARD, JOHN, ESQ.—Pleasant Rambles Round Derby; Dale and its Abbey.

Donations to the Museum.

British Museum, Trustees of—Two Cases of Casts from British Museum Engraved Stones.

Cadbury and Co, Messrs—Cabinet of Specimens illustrating the Manufacture of Chocolate.

Fletcher, Dr.—Goldfinch-Mule (mounted).

Gisborne, T. M., Esq.—Cabinet and large number of geological and mineralogical specimens.

Gisborne, C. F., Esq.—Assegais, Knobkerries, Walking-sticks, &c., from Zululand, Skins of Python and Puff Adder.

Garthwaite, Mr.—Specimens of Fossil Plants from Coal Measures.

Johnson, Mr.—Specimens of Fossil Plants from Coal Measures.

Pullen, Mr. G.—Quail's Egg, found at Egginton.

Sanger, Lord George—Crocodile and Baboon.

Stanesby, Miss—Old Derby One-pound Note.

Toms, Mr. Harold W.—Three Bronze Coins.

Waterfield, Mr. T.—Iguana and Snakes.

Donations to the Art Gallery.

Joseph, Felix, Esq. (the late)—Framed copy of Photogravure portrait of himself; 58 water-colour drawings by J. Robertson and J. Brewer; 24 black-and-white drawings by Jos. Farington, R.A., of Derbyshire scenery, each with its attendant engraving; and about 150 specimens of Derby China, completing the "Felix Joseph" collection.

Stanesby, Miss—Ornamental Mirror.

Winter, Mr. Councillor—Framed Portraits of W. Mountford and J. Rowse, Sen., two workmen at the Old China Factory.

Derby Free

Abstract of the Accounts for the

Dr. REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS

	£	s.	d.
To Joiner's, Plumber's, and Gas Fitter's Work	24	5	6
,, Locksmith's Work, New Electric Bells, and Window Bars	15	18	6
,, Stone Paving	6	2	7
,, Painting and Cleaning Librarian's House	7	13	6
,, Painting Reading Rooms...	53	8	0
	£107	8	1

SALARIES AND

To W. Crowther, Chief Librarian and Curator	236	13	4
,, J. A. Miller, Assistant Librarian	65	0	0
,, W. H. Walton ,, ,, ...	78	0	0
,, E. J. Crowther ,, ,, ...	20	16	0
,, E. Brindley ,, ,, ...	25	18	0
,, J. H. Burgoyne ,, ,, ... (5 weeks) ...	1	10	0
,, W. Lowndes ,, ,, ...	14	14	0
,, H. M. Haywood, Committee Clerk	40	0	0
,, Porter's Wages, and Assistant Cleaners	75	9	6
,, Watson, Sowter & Co., Auditors	7	7	0
	£565	7	10

LIBRARY

To New Books	335	6	8
,, Binding and Repairing Books	115	7	4
,, Binding Materials	3	3	0
,, Palæontographical Society's Reports	1	16	0
,, Printing Post Card and other Notices	16	16	0
,, Printing Fines Books	4	4	0
,, Allibone's Dictionary	5	18	0
,, Printing Supplementary Catalogue, No. 5	27	10	0
,, Printing "Devonshire" Catalogues	15	3	4
,, Binding Music	10	16	11
,, Binding Patent Specifications	9	14	0
	£545	15	3

Library, &c.

Year ending September 29th, 1892.

TO PREMISES ACCOUNT. Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Free Library Rate Account	107	8	1
	£107	8	1

WAGES ACCOUNT.

By Free Library Rate Account	565	7	10
	£565	7	10

ACCOUNT.

By Sale of Catalogues...	6	11	2
„ Fines upon Readers for Detention of Books	74	4	10
„ Fees for New Tickets and Post Cards	9	2	7
„ Lost and Damaged Books	2	3	8
„ Free Library Rate Account	453	8	0
	£545	15	3

Dr. READING AND NEWS

	£	s.	d.
To Magazines and Periodicals	28	17	11
„ Newspapers, Illustrated Papers, &c.	59	16	8
„ Directories	5	9	6
„ Binding Magazines	19	6	5
„ Printing Lists of Newspapers, &c.	4	10	0
„ Hire of Temporary Reading Room, &c.	4	16	4
	£122	16	10

MUSEUM

To Fossils and Antelope Purchased...	30	19	11
„ Mounting Specimens	6	15	0
„ Repairing Damaged Case	4	16	0
„ Frames for Cases and Repairing Fittings	8	16	6
„ Labels and Blocks for Cases	5	9	8
„ Carriage of Specimens	1	2	0
	£57	19	1

DERBY

To Free Library Rate at One Farthing in the £, one Quarter to 25th December, 1891	400	0	0
„ Ditto, Quarter ending 25th March, 1892	400	0	0
„ Ditto, Quarter ending 24th June, 1892...	400	0	0
„ Ditto, Quarter ending 29th September, 1892	400	0	0
	£1600	0	0

ROOMS ACCOUNT.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Sale of Old Newspapers, &c.	3	3	9
„ Free Library Rate Account	119	13	1
	£122	16	10

ACCOUNT.

By Free Library Rate Account	57	19	1
	£57	19	1

CORPORATION.

By Treasurer, Free Library Rate, granted Nov. 9th, 1891	400	0	0
„ Ditto, granted February 3rd, 1892	400	0	0
„ Ditto, granted May 4th, 1892	400	0	0
„ Ditto, granted August 3rd, 1892	400	0	0
	£1600	0	0

Dr.

ESTABLISHMENT

	£	s.	d.
To Gas	95	16	10
,, Water	8	2	8
,, Coal...	38	14	4
,, Fire Insurance	17	12	10
,, Ironmongery	3	13	4
,, Plants, Bulbs, &c., for Garden	8	6	0
,, Petty Cash Payments by Librarian	39	10	5
,, Printing Annual Reports	9	12	0
,, Various Printing and Stationery	15	8	1
,, Cleaning Windows	9	0	0
,, Property Tax and House Duty	1	2	6
,, Miscellaneous Expenses	4	2	8
,, Commission Charged by Bankers	2	10	5
,, Clothing for Porter	3	18	6
,, Winding Clock	3	0	0
,, National Telephone Co. Annual Subscription	5	5	0
	£265	15	7

RATE

To Repairs and Alterations to Premises	107	8	1
,, Salaries and Wages	565	7	10
,, Library	453	8	0
,, Reading and News Rooms	119	13	1
,, Museum	57	19	1
,, Establishment	259	16	8
,, Balance	233	19	4
	£1797	12	1

BALANCE

*,, Balance	233	19	4
	£233	19	4

*Liabilities :
Grants for Books (unexpended) £200 0 0

ACCOUNT.

Cr.

	£	s.	d
By Derby Mechanics' Institute, Acknowledgment for Encroachment	0	1	0
„ Interest allowed by Bankers	5	17	11
„ Free Library Rate Account	259	16	8
	£265	15	7

ACCOUNT.

By Balance brought forward	197	12	1
„ Quarterly Rates granted by the Derby Corporation ...	1600	0	0
	£1797	12	1

SHEET.

By Free Library and Museum	233	19	4
	£233	19	4

H. M. HAYWOOD, Clerk.

We have examined the several Accounts of the Derby Free Library and Museum, for the year ending September 29th, 1892, and hereby certify that they are correct.—Dated this 25th day of October, 1892.

WATSON, SOWTER & Co., *Auditors appointed by the Corporation*

GEORGE FROST,
JAMES HARWOOD, } *Auditors appointed by the Burgesses.*

WILLIAM HART, *Auditor appointed by the Mayor.*

Derby Corporation

Abstract of the Accounts for the

Dr.

WAGES

	£	s.	d.
To Wages to Attendant at Turnstile and Charwoman ...	80	5	6
„ Watson, Sowter & Co., Auditors	3	3	0
	£83	8	6

REPAIRS AND

To Joiners' and Plumbers' Work	3	18	11
	£3	18	11

COLLECTION AND CARRIAGE OF

To Collection and Carriage of Pictures, &c., and obtaining Loans...	219	5	8
	£219	5	8

ESTABLISHMENT

To Fire Insurance	5	13	6
„ Gas	23	15	0
„ Coal...	6	0	6
„ Ironmongery	3	16	6
„ Advertising...	4	0	0
„ Printing, Stationery, and Posting	40	7	9
„ Printing Catalogues	38	12	10
„ Hire of Piano for Concerts	7	4	0
„ Petty Cash Payments by Curator	19	14	4
„ Interest, Commission, and Cheque Books charged by Bankers	10	13	9
„ Property Tax	2	10	0
„ Miscellaneous Expenses	2	19	4
„ Curtains for Gallery Roof	5	6	6
„ Printing Catalogue of "Felix Joseph" Collection ...	9	11	0
„ Printing and Mounting Labels	4	18	0
	£185	3	0

Art Gallery.

Year ending September 19th, 1892.

ACCOUNT. Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Art Gallery Account	83	8	6
	£83	8	6

ALTERATIONS ACCOUNT.

By Art Gallery Account	3	18	11
	£3	18	11

PICTURES AND LOANS ACCOUNT.

By Art Gallery Account	219	5	8
	£219	5	8

ACCOUNT.

By Advertisements in Catalogues	£18	1	8			
„ Sale of Catalogues...	21	0	9			
				39	2	5
„ Derby Art Union, Oak Frames for Engravings (Repayment)				1	1	0
„ Art Gallery Account				144	19	7
				£185	3	0

DERBY CORPORATION

	£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward	314	11	11
	£314	11	11

ART GALLERY

	£	s.	d.
To Wages	83	8	6
„ Repairs and Alterations	3	18	11
„ Collection and Carriage of Pictures, &c.	219	5	8
„ Establishment	144	19	7
	£451	12	8

BALANCE

	£	s.	d.
To Art Gallery Revenue Account, Balance 1891 ...	0	2	0
„ Ditto, 1892	322	16	8
	£322	18	8

ACCOUNT.

		£	s.	d.
By Derby Corporation, Amount owing to Banker at 29th September, 1891	£314 9 11			
„ Balance carried forward	0 2 0			
		314	11	11
		£314	11	11

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

BY AUTUMN EXHIBITION, 1891-2.						
Receipts at Turnstile...	£40	0	0			
Commission on Pictures Sold ...	30	6	6			
				70	6	6
„ SPRING EXHIBITION, 1892.						
Receipts at Turnstile	£31	8	7			
Commission on Pictures sold ...	14	17	9			
				46	6	4
„ SUMMER EXHIBITION, 1892.						
Receipts at Turnstile				12	3	2
„ Balance (deficiency)				322	16	8
				£451	12	8

SHEET.

By Treasurer (amount owing)	322	18	8
	£322	18	8

H. M. HAYWOOD, CLERK.

We have examined the several Accounts of the Derby Art Gallery for the year ending 29th September, 1892, and hereby certify that they are correct.

Dated this 25th day of October, 1892.

WATSON, SOWTER & Co., *Auditors appointed by the Corporation.*

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BRITISH MUSEUM

DERBY:
PRINTED BY BEWLEY AND ROE, LTD.,
MARKET PLACE.

Borough of Derby.

Twenty-Second Annual Report of the Committee

OF THE

DERBY FREE LIBRARY & MUSEUM,

BRITISH MUSEUM NATURAL HISTORY

AND ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

ART GALLERY COMMITTEE.

PRESENTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL,

NOVEMBER 9TH, 1893.

DERBY: HARPUR, PRINTER, LONDON ROAD.

Borough of Derby.

TWENTY-SECOND

ANNUAL REPORT of the COMMITTEE

OF THE

DERBY FREE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM,

AND

ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Art Gallery Committee.

Presented to the Town Council,

NOVEMBER 9TH, 1893.

BRITISH MUSEUM NATURAL HISTORY

DERBY:
PRINTED BY T. HARPUR, LONDON ROAD,
1893.

List of Committees and Officials.

Library and Museum Committee.

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,, ,, FOULDS.
,, ,, GENTLES.
,, ,, STONE.
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,, ,, WINTER.

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Librarian and Curator.

Mr. WILLIAM CROWTHER.

Clerk.

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Assistant Librarians.

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WILLIAM LOWNDES.
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Art Gallery Attendant.

J. FOLEY.

Porter.

GEORGE PULLEN.

Borough of Derby.

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Free Library and Museum Committee,

For the Year ended September 30th, 1893.

THE Free Library and Museum Committee, in presenting their Twenty-Second Annual Report to the Council, are glad to be able to say that the Institution under their charge is in a prosperous condition, and is doing its work successfully.

The issue of books for the year, particularly in the Lending Department, shows a marked increase which is very gratifying, the issues now reaching a daily average of over six hundred. The new books added during the year number 919, and the replacements of worn-out books amount to 355, making a total of 1,274 books purchased during the year. It has not been thought necessary to publish an additional supplementary Catalogue, but type-written lists of the books added are shown in the Delivery Room. Those who wish for further information respecting the Library are referred to the Librarian's Report, and the exhaustive tables which accompany it.

The building is in a good state of repair. In view of the introduction of the Electric Light, the painting and re-decoration of the Museum and Library have been deferred for a time, but these will shortly be proceeded with. The completion of the Electric Lighting installation is now only a matter of a few days, and will probably be completed by the time this Report is before the Council. The Committee feel sure they have acted in the best interests of the Institution in incurring this expense, as a great saving will be effected in the charges for painting and decoration, as well as in bookbinding; while the amount of benefit both to the staff and to the visitors in the way of better light and increased purity of atmosphere can scarcely be over-estimated.

The cost of the installation will probably be about £370, and the Committee are glad to say that they will be able to pay this, and also

for the necessary cleaning to follow, without either borrowing the money or crippling the usefulness of the Institution. £240 has already been paid the Contractor from the amount which appears as balance in hand on September 29th, and the remainder will just about meet all charges, and enable the Committee to start fairly on the next year's work. The special thanks of the Committee and the Council are due to the small Sub-Committee which has supervised all the details of the Electric Lighting, the members of which have devoted to the task a considerable amount of time and trouble.

The best thanks of the Committee are also due to all those who have sent gifts of books and periodicals to the Institution during the past year, and they also desire to place on record here their complete satisfaction with the way in which the staff discharge their duties, a satisfaction which they believe is shared by the general public.

In the early part of the present year, the Chairman, Mr. Alderman Hobson, intimated to the Committee that failing health compelled him to ask that some relief might be afforded him from the necessity of attending all the meetings of the Committee, and Mr. Councillor Bottomley was consequently appointed Vice-Chairman. They have now, at the close of the year, received with very great regret a further intimation that Mr. Hobson wishes to relinquish altogether the office he has held ever since the foundation of the Institution. The Committee feel that, in the face of the Chairman's earnest wish, they cannot do otherwise than bow to his decision, which they are sure has been the result of much consideration on his part. They therefore accept his resignation with the greatest regret, but think that the resolution given below, which was unanimously passed at their meeting this day, should be placed on record, as an appendix to this Report.

On behalf of the Committee,

WILLIAM HOBSON,

CHAIRMAN.

COPY OF RESOLUTION REFERRED TO ABOVE.

"That this Committee receives the resignation of Mr. Alderman Hobson, J.P., with very great regret. They desire to place on record their sense of the great services he has rendered the Institution of which he has been Chairman for twenty-three years, and they feel that his unremitting attention to its interests hns done much to place it in its present prosperous condition. They are sorry for the cause which has led to his resignation and earnestly hope that rest may bring him improvement in health, and that he may find in the evening of his days some solace in the remembrance of the good work he has done in the service of an Institution the success of which has always been dear to his heart."

October 30th, 1893.

To the Chairman and Members of the Derby Free Library and Museum Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

It gives me very much pleasure to lay before you my Eighth Annual Report. The number of books in the Lending Library now reaches 17,402, against 16,958 last year; the total issues amount to 145,177, against 134,763, an increase of nearly 10,500; and the daily average issue has risen from 515 to 560. The increase has been a steady one throughout the year, and applies to every month alike, and all classes of books have shared in the increased demand. The new books added number 785; and out of 659 books withdrawn as worn out, 355 have been replaced by new copies; the remainder, principally three volume novels of ancient date, have had their places declared as vacant, and will be replaced by something better. Twenty-two volumes have been lost and paid for, two only have been totally lost, while thirteen coming from infected houses have been destroyed. The plan we have followed for some years with regard to the last-named class continues to work well, and the public may use the Library with confidence without any fear of infection. I am glad to say once more that on the whole the books are very well used, instances of wilful damage being rare, but we still have to suffer through occasional acts of carelessness or thoughtlessness, particularly on rainy days, when books are occasionally brought in very wet, when a little care would have kept them dry.

The Reference Library stock now numbers 9,798 works, of which 134 have been added during the past year, and no volumes have been withdrawn. The Committee exercise great care in the selection of the new books in this department, and are most anxious to keep the Reference Library thoroughly up to date, particularly with regard to Scientific works. They would be very glad, for the sake of both departments of the Library, to receive suggestions from the public as to books which might be purchased, and would like to see the fullest use made of the Proposal Forms to be found in the Reading Rooms, merely asking that all who use them should take care to ascertain that the books proposed are not already in the Library, which at present is not always done. The Specifications of Patents are still very largely consulted, and the Text-books presented by the University Correspondence College are greatly used by students preparing for various examinations.

The number of new borrowers during the year is about the same as usual, nearly 1,100, and I should fancy that the number of those using the Library is greater than ever. The number of cards cancelled through deaths or removals is only 107, but the number of borrowers who withdraw without notice is considerable, and the number of those who only borrow intermittently is larger still, so that the actual number of borrowers using the Library at any given time is rather difficult to gauge with certainty. The number of books re-bound has been 534, and the number passing through our binder's hands for other reasons—repairs great or small, numbering, lettering, labelling, &c.,—is no less than 3,171. Reference to the tables will show many other interesting facts in connection with the working of the Library.

The occupations of our borrowers are as various as ever, as a reference to Table 6 will show. The large number described as of no occupation are, I believe, principally housewives, and the term is in their case to a great extent a misnomer. I again give a table showing the districts from which our borrowers come, the last thousand being thus distributed :—

WARD.	Actual Number of Borrowers.	Number to be expected according to Population.
Arboretum	123	166
Babington	155	121
Becket	217	196
Castle	76	114
Derwent	61	63
Friar Gate	128	111
King's Mead	118	143
Litchurch	122	83

Becket, Babington, Friar Gate, and Litchurch Wards furnish considerably more than their quota of readers, the last-named nearly half as many again as might be expected. Derwent Ward has about the proper number, and the remaining wards fall below. Castle Ward shows, however, a marked improvement on last year's figures.

The News Rooms are, if possible, more used than ever, and there is little to complain of in the behaviour of those who use them. I have always found that a word of caution is sufficient if anyone is found transgressing; and I believe that the great majority of those who use the rooms are as anxious for good order as I am myself. The year has not passed over without a few petty thefts, but even these have been less than

usual, and I hope that I may ere long have to report a clean sheet in this respect.

The only additions made to the Museum during the year have been a small collection of Geological and Archæological specimens purchased from the Trustees of the Museum at Brampton, near Chesterfield. The Mineral and Geological collections have been more made use of by students during the past year than I have ever known them; and the visitors to the Museum generally show no diminution.

As your Librarian I attended the Annual Meeting of the Library Association, held this year at Aberdeen, and derived much profit therefrom. I had while there the honour of being elected, for the third time, a Member of the Council of the Association, and I have been since elected as Chairman of the North Midland Library Association for the ensuing year. I accept both appointments as much as a testimony to the importance of the Institution which I represent, as a compliment to myself.

The principal members of our staff have remained unchanged during the past year. I cannot speak too highly of the way in which they discharge their duties, and I believe they do their best to serve both you and the public faithfully. I desire also to express the obligation I feel toward the Press of the town for their ready co-operation in all that tends to the benefit of the Institution; and, lastly, to yourselves for the uniform kindness and consideration I receive at your hands.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Very faithfully yours,

WILLIAM CROWTHER,

LIBRARIAN AND CURATOR.

October 30th, 1893.

Eleventh Annual Report

OF

The Corporation Art Gallery Committee.

THE Art Gallery Committee have much pleasure in presenting their Eleventh Annual Report to the Town Council. The Gallery has been open during the past year 239 days, as compared with 278 days in 1892, and the number of visitors is shown in the following table:—

	1891-92.	1892-93.
Visitors to Autumn Exhibition	20027	17399
,, Spring ,, ...	20648	17456
,, Summer ,, ...	11289	11290
Total Visitors	51964	46145
Total Days Open by Payment	194	156
,, ,, Free	84	83
Total Days Open	278	239
Average on Paying Days	78·3	85·
,, Free Days	437·8	396·4

These figures, the Committee venture to think, are quite satisfactory, varying but little from those of 1892. The average attendance on the free days is rather less, and on the paying days a little more than last year, but the total number of visitors is more by fifteen thousand than it was three years ago. The largest attendance on a free day was 802, and on a paying day 347, both days being in Whit-week.

The amount to be asked from the Council is £6 more than last year. The Gallery having been open for six weeks less accounts for a diminution of the same amount in the turnstile receipts, while Commission on sale of Pictures is £20 less. The Committee, however, think, considering the long depression of trade, they have been fortunate in disposing of pictures to the Catalogue value of £515 16s. The sale of Catalogues steadily increases.

The Autumn Exhibition was very good in quality, and the Art Union in connection with it realised £105 6s.

In the Spring Exhibition, a number of Continental pictures were again added, much to the improvement of the collection, and the thanks of the Committee are due to the proprietors of the Hanover Gallery for kindly lending these from their collection. Special thanks are also due to H. Evans Broad, Esq., M.P., for the loan of the fine picture presented to him, and painted by Professor Herkomer, R.A.

The Summer Exhibition consisted of pictures kindly lent by private owners, mostly residing in this neighbourhood, and proved a great success. The Committee are under obligation to those gentlemen who so kindly responded to their request for loans, and, as the experiment was so successful, they, when a sufficient time has elapsed, hope to repeat it. Among those residing at a distance who kindly contributed were John Aird, Esq., M.P., J. Fellows, Esq. (of West Bromwich), E. M. Kidd, Esq. (of Nottingham), Mrs. W. J. Smith (of Lichfield), Messrs. A. and F. Pears, and the Proprietors of the "Graphic."

The Exhibition now in progress has thus far been very satisfactory, no fewer than 8,100 visitors having passed the turnstiles during the four weeks it has been open. It may be mentioned that, as a proof of the growing estimation in which the Gallery is held by artists, the Hanging Committee had about seven hundred pictures submitted to them for this Exhibition, but the space at their disposal only allowed of about four hundred and thirty being selected.

The annual change of objects on loan from the South Kensington Museum took place at the usual time, and the cases now contain some excellent specimens of wrought iron work, pottery, and electrotypes of armour. The Committee desire to acknowledge the readiness with which any suggestion they make as to suitable objects for loan is acted upon by the Museum authorities, and anxiety evinced to send such objects as may be useful to the various industries of the town and neighbourhood.

The eighth season of Promenade Concerts, organised by the Curator, took place during last winter. Eighteen Concerts were held, attended by over 3,400 persons, and yielded, as usual, a substantial profit. As a new feature, three Literary evenings were introduced in the series, when short lectures were given by the Curator on the life and works of Tennyson, Longfellow, and Shakespeare, and were interspersed with musical illustrations. The Lectures having proved so successful, further

experiments in the same direction will be made during the coming season. The best thanks of the Committee are due to the ladies and gentlemen who kindly gave their services on these occasions, and also to His Worship the Mayor (Mr. Councillor Marsden, J.P.), the Ex-Mayor (Mr. Councillor Harrison, J.P.), and to Lieut.-Col. Buchanan, J.P., who respectively presided at the Literary evenings.

By far the greatest event in the history of the Gallery during the past year has been the installation of the Electric Light. This has now been in operation for about three weeks, and the improvement in the lighting is very effective, and will without doubt eventually cause a considerable saving in painting and decorating the Gallery, and less deterioration to the valuable works of art.

In conclusion, the Committee desire to place on record the zeal displayed by the Curator for the welfare of the Art Gallery, and their opinion that to his well-directed efforts much of its success is mainly due.

On behalf of the Committee,

WILLIAM BEMROSE,

October 30th, 1893. CHAIRMAN.

TABLE I.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	1 No. of Volumes in Library, September, 1892.	2 Volumes lost and paid for.	3 Volumes from Infected Houses Destroyed.	4 Volumes Totally Lost.	5 Volumes Withdrawn as worn out.	6 Total.	Stock reduced as per Column 6.	No. of Books Replaced.	No. of New Books.	Present Library Stock, 1893.	Total Increase in each case.	Percentage of Books in each Class.
Arts and Sciences	1639	1	...	...	3	4	1635	...	54	1689	50	9·71
Law and Politics	229	...	...	...	...	...	229	...	13	242	13	1·39
Natural History	383	1	...	...	1	2	381	...	24	405	22	2·33
Poetry and Drama	584	...	...	...	1	1	583	1	27	611	27	3·51
Theology and Philosophy ...	849	...	...	...	...	...	849	...	59	908	59	5·22
Light Literature	6259	20	12	1	601	634	5625	340	373	6338	79	36·42
History, Travels, and Biography	5458	...	1	1	19	21	5437	11	187	5635	177	32·38
Miscellaneous	1557	...	...	...	34	34	1523	3	48	1574	17	9·04
Totals	16958	22	13	2	659	696	16262	355	785	17402	444	100·00

TABLE II.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

SHOWING THE MONTHLY ISSUE IN EACH CLASS, THE NUMBER OF DAYS THE LIBRARY WAS OPEN, THE TOTAL VOLUMES ISSUED, AND THE DAILY AVERAGE.

MONTH.	No. of Days Open.	Science and Art.	Politics and Commerce.	Natural History.	Theology and Philosophy.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, and Travel.	Miscellaneous.	Total.	Daily Average of Volumes.
1892.											
October	24	409	9	63	91	84	11276	681	574	13187	549
November	21	417	19	61	95	106	10811	641	558	12708	605
December	23	363	18	68	65	91	11137	677	600	13019	566
1893.											
January	24	384	20	92	92	112	12018	762	610	14090	587
February	22	448	20	97	102	85	11775	788	514	13829	629
March...	21	420	9	76	126	75	11525	710	543	13484	642
April	22	343	6	77	107	68	10983	605	493	12682	576
May	23	310	10	101	81	76	10236	561	498	11873	516
June	8	97	4	27	20	16	3305	167	151	3787	473
July	23½	270	1	69	88	68	10049	494	458	11497	489
August	23½	243	5	70	99	79	10105	564	447	11612	494
September	24	307	12	56	109	75	11723	595	532	13409	559
Totals	259	4011	133	857	1075	935	124943	7245	5978	145177	560·5

TABLE III.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	No. of Vols. in Library, September, 1892.	Additions during the year.	Present Library Stock, 1893.
Arts and Sciences	1891	45	1936
Law and Politics	243	3	246
Natural History	533	9	542
Poetry and Drama	159	...	159
Theology and Philosophy	275	1	276
Light Literature	63	...	63
History, Travels, Biography, &c.	1623	50	1673
Miscellaneous	1279	...	1279
Devonshire Library	1221	26	1247
Patent Library	2377	...	2377*
Total	9664	134	9798

Pamphlets not included in the above. * Patents are now received singly, and only *completed* volumes are here included.

TABLE IV.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

SHOWING THE MONTHLY ISSUE IN EACH CLASS, THE NUMBER OF DAYS THE LIBRARY WAS OPEN, THE TOTAL VOLUMES ISSUED, AND THE DAILY AVERAGE.

MONTH.	No. of Days Open.	Science and Art.	Politics and Commerce.	Natural History.	Theology and Philosophy.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, and Travel.	Miscellaneous.	Patent Library.	Books for Blind.	Devonshire Library.	Total.	Daily Average of Volumes.
1892.														
October ...	26	454	4	81	55	27	79	322	326	176	...	7	1531	59
November ...	23	502	28	108	89	54	69	315	368	97	...	9	1669	72
December ...	24½	297	19	51	90	35	52	289	331	22	...	4	1190	49
1893.														
January ...	26	460	28	55	80	26	76	361	329	92	...	...	1507	58
February ...	24	466	14	55	59	23	115	286	316	368	..	6	1708	71
March ...	23	281	15	45	92	24	44	146	179	225	...	30	1081	47
April ...	24	333	12	55	60	24	28	213	143	24	...	27	919	38
May ...	25	373	14	46	46	23	24	150	126	65	...	1	868	35
June ...	14	128	4	21	44	11	16	65	99	20	...	...	408	29
July ...	25	326	42	45	70	28	49	194	241	153	...	12	1160	46
August ...	26	279	25	54	43	49	24	234	282	215	...	...	1205	46
September ...	26	357	13	70	46	52	98	333	402	8	...	2	1381	53
Totals ...	286½	4256	218	686	774	376	674	2938	3142	1465	...	98	14627	51

TABLE V.

MISCELLANEOUS.

MONTH.	No. of New Borrowers.		No. of Cards Cancelled.	No. of Overdue Books written for.	No. of Books Re-bound.	No. of Books Repaired and Numbered.
	Males.	Females.				
1892.						
October	76	57	12	43	...	51
November	65	33	9	44	...	427
December	57	29	10	51	...	314
1893.						
January	81	43	13	74	...	201
February	76	54	5	39	...	201
March	51	41	14	80	154	359
April	40	30	...	59	28	203
May	39	19	11	23	104	258
June	23	14	...	...	248	649
July	41	51	9	4	...	34
August	39	21	16	61	...	264
September	76	43	12	36	...	210
Totals	664	435	111	514	534	3171

Approximate Total No. of Borrowers' Tickets now in force ... 7,500.

TABLE VI.

Occupations of the Last Thousand of the New Borrowers.

Actress	1
Agents and Collectors ...	11
Apprentices and Shop Assistants	39
Architects, Draughtsmen, and Designers	8
Artist	1
Bailiffs...	2
Bakers and Confectioners ...	13
Barristers, Solicitors, &c. ...	3
Boiler Makers...	2
Bookbinders, Printers, and Compositors	6
Booksellers and Stationers ...	3
Boot Makers	6
Box Makers	3
Builders, Bricklayers, Masons, and Plasterers	7
Butchers	2
Carpenters, Joiners, Cabinet Makers, and Upholsterers	19
Carriage and Waggon Builders	8
Chemists and Druggists ...	6
Clergymen and Ministers ...	9
Clerks and Book-keepers ...	90
Commercial Travellers ...	8
Cooper	1
Corn Factor	1
Domestic Servants	15
Drapers	11
Dyers	2
Electricians	8
Engineers, Moulders, Smiths, Fitters, and Engine Drivers	54
Engraver	1
Errand and Office Boys ...	22
Factory Hands	28
Farmers	2
Gardeners and Green-grocers...	3
Grocers and Provision Dealers	15
Grooms, Coachmen, & Drivers	7
Hairdressers	2
Housekeepers...	16
Inspector	1
Labourers	21
Librarian	1
Managers of Works	2
Matron	1
Medical Practitioners... ...	3
Merchants	3
Messengers	11
Milliners and Dressmakers ...	29
Musicians	4
Nurse	1
Painters and Paperhangers ...	13
Plumbers and Glaziers ...	5
Polisher	1
Porcelain Dealer	1
Porters (General)	5
Postmen, &c.	7
Potters...	2
Publicans, Brewers, & Maltsters	4
Railway Employés	12
Reporter	1
Scientific Instrument Maker ...	1
Scholars and Students ...	136
Skinners and Leather Dressers	2
Soldiers	2
Tailors, Hatters, and Hosiers	16
Teachers and Pupil Teachers	58
Telegraphists	4
Tin Plate Workers	3
Turners and Brass Finishers ...	8
Verger...	1
Waiters	2
Warehousemen	7
Watchmaker and Jeweller ...	1
Wheelwright	1
No Occupation	195
	1,000

TABLE VII.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

COMPARATIVE RETURNS.

	1892.	1893.
Lending Library Replacements	589	355
New Books	843	785
Total Books...	16958	17402
„ Issues	134763	145177
Average Daily Issue	516	560·5
Turnover of each Volume	7·94	8·34
Reference Library:		
New Books	342	134
Total Books...	9664	9798
„ Issues	13384	14627
Average Daily Issue	47	51
New Borrowers	1082	1099
Total Borrowers (approximate)	7500	7500
Numbers of Works issued per Borrower ...	17·97	19·36
Cards Cancelled	107	111
Overdue Books written for...	514	514
Books Rebound and Repaired	4128	3705

GENERAL DATA.

Population (estimated to June, 1893)	97,341
Rateable Value (September, 1893)	£390,833
Amount of Rate Levied	ONE PENNY
Amount produced by Rate	£1,600
Library Stock	27·92 PER CENT. OF POPULATION

Donations to the Library.

Agent General for Western Australia, The—Western Australia in 1891.

Agent General for Queensland, The—Letters from Queensland.

Agent General for Victoria, The—Victorian Year Book for 1892.

Alleyne, Sir John, Bart.—A Year's "Nature"; ditto "Engineering," 1892.

Art Gallery and Museum Reports from Birmingham, Herkomer School, Horniman Museum.

Blakeney, Wm. J., Esq.—Vol. 10 of Letters of Registration.

Boyle & Co., Messrs.—Two Copies of "A Sanitary Crusade through the East and Australasia.

Brampton, Messrs. Walter & Co.—Specimen of a Patent Newspaper File and Magazine Case.

Briscoe, J. Potter, Esq.—Two Derbyshire Pamphlets.

Browne, T. B., Esq.—The Advertisement Press of Great Britain.

Cassell & Co., Ltd., Messrs.—Cassell's Illustrated Almanac for 1893.

Cox, Arthur, Esq.—Volume 15 of the Journal of the Derbyshire Archæological and Natural History Society.

Editor of "The News"—Volume of "The News," and Summer Numbers of "Hand and Heart," "Home Words," and "The Day of Days."

Ehrenfechter, C. A., Esq.—Technical Study in the Art of Piano Playing.

Elkington, Messrs., Ltd.—Reproductions of Carved Ivories. Inventory of Reproductions in Metal.

Fisk, Francis, Esq.—Adcock's Engineer's Pocket Book; Skyring's Builder's Price Book for 1893.

Foster, Miss Emily—"Victims to Custom."

Frowde, Henry, Esq.—Bombay, 1885 to 1890: a Study in Indian Administration.

Gray, J. C., Esq.—Annual Report of the Co-operative Society, Ltd.

Hardingham, G. G. M., Esq.—Two Pamphlets on "Patents for Inventions."

Hobson, William, Esq., J.P.—Livestock Annual for 1893; Agricultural Annual for 1893; Four Books (Bemrose's Technical Series).

Hodges, Figgis & Co., Messrs.—Dublin University Calendar, 1893; Examination Papers, 1892.

Howard Association, The—Penological and Preventive Principles.

ILIFFE, WILLIAM, ESQ.—Sixteenth Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for Derby, 1892.

JEPHSON, H., ESQ.—The Platform.

LIBRARY REPORTS from Aberdeen, Aston, Battersea, Belfast, Birkenhead, Birmingham, Blackburn, Blackpool, Bootle, Bradford, Brentford, Bristol, Burslem, Buxton, Camberwell, Cambridge, Chelsea, Cheltenham, Chester, Clapham, Clerkenwell, Coventry, Croydon, Darwen, Ealing, Folkestone, Fulham, Glasgow, Gosport, Great Yarmouth; Hammersmith, Handsworth, Hanley, Holborn, Kendal, Leek, Leicester, Liverpool, Manchester, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Norwich, Nottingham, Portsmouth, Preston, Richmond (Surrey), Salford, Sheffield, Smethwick, Southport, St. Helen's, St. Leonard (Shoreditch), St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Stafford, Swansea, Tynemouth, Walsall, Warrington, West Ham, Westminster, Wolverhampton.

MAY, W. A., ESQ.—Volume 2 of "Farm, Field, and Fireside."

MCMILLAN, A. J., ESQ.—Three copies of "Manitoba Official Information for Investors and Settlers, 1893"; Sunny Manitoba.

MORRIS, J. S. C., ESQ.—Morris's Business Directory, 1893.

NIGHTINGALE, MRS.—Memoir of Timothy Hackworth.

ORPHAN'S PRINTING PRESS, THE—George Fox and his Friends; The Offices of the Holy Spirit.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS, THE—Clyde and Strathnairn (Rulers of India Series).

RADFORD, J. T., ESQ.—Nine Derbyshire Pamphlets.

REGISTRAR OF PATENTS, QUEENSLAND—Letters of Registration, Volume 9, 1881.

ROY, BRANDON, ESQ.—Guy Mervyn.

SECRETARY, Durham University—University Calendar, 1893.

SECRETARY, Emigrants' Information Office—Emigrant's Information Handbooks, 1892.

SECRETARY, Institute of Civil Engineers—Regulations and List of Members, 1893.

SECRETARY, Queen's College, Belfast—Calendar, 1893-4.

SECRETARY of State for India—Volumes 30 and 37 of "The Sacred Books of the East."

SECRETARY, University College, Bristol—Calendar, 1893-4.

SHORTHOUSE, E., ESQ.—Present to Youths and Young Men.

SLEIGH, JOHN, ESQ.—Ashbourn and the Valley of the Dove; Handbook of Proverbs; Reflections; Archaic Dictionary; Coats of Arms.

THOMPSON, MRS. PERCY—Memoir of Sydney Gilchrist Thomas.

UNSWORTH, REV. WM.—The Marriage Knot Wisely Tied; The Aggressive Character of Christianity; The Brotherhood of Men; Self Culture and Self Reliance; The King's People.

UNIVERSITY CORRESPONDENCE COLLEGE, Tutorial Series (per Messrs. W. B. Clive & Co.)—Manual of Ethics; London Matriculation Direc-

tory, Jan., 1893; London Int. Science and Preliminary Directory, July, 1892; Inter. and B.A. French Papers; Higher Greek Reader; Magnetism and Electricity, Text-book of; Latin Grammar, A; English Language, The; London Matriculation Directory, June, 1893 (2 copies); London Inter. Arts Directory, July, 1893; London Inter. Science Directory, July, 1893; English History, 1485-1603, Text-book of; English Literature, 1558-1660, Text-book of; History of Rome, The Teutorial; Biology, Text-book of—Vertebrata; Mensuration of the Simpler Figures. Also "The University Correspondent," supplied weekly, monthly, and yearly. Pamphlets, leaflets, &c.

VOYSEY, REV. C., B.A.—The Sling and the Stone; The Mystery of Pain, Death, and Sin.

WOOD, SIR HENRY TRUEMAN—Official Handbook of the Royal Commission for the Chicago Exhibition, 1893.

Donations to the Museum.

COTTON, MR., BALLARAT—Mineralogical Specimens from Australia.

KELLY, MRS.—A Hippocamp.

NORTON, MRS.—Skin of a Snake.

Donations to the Art Gallery.

HANCOCK, J., ESQ., WORCESTER—Early Derby Cup and Saucer.

JACKSON, MRS.—Old Cup and Saucer.

Abstract of Accounts.

Derby Free

Abstract of the Accounts for the

Dr. REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS

	£	s.	d.
To Joiner's, Plumber's, and Gas Fitter's Work	14	14	8
„ Locksmith's Work, and Repairing Electric Bells	2	8	10
„ Builder's Work	4	8	2
	£21	11	8

SALARIES AND

To W. Crowther, Chief Librarian and Curator	240	0	0
„ J. A. Miller, Assistant Librarian...	65	0	0
„ W. H. Walton, „ „	78	0	0
„ E. J. Crowther, „ „	25	10	0
„ E. Brindley, „ „ ... ... (2 weeks) ...	1	2	0
„ W. Lowndes, „ „	18	1	0
„ J. Webster, „ „ ... ... (9 months) ...	10	10	0
„ W. L. Coltman „ „ ... ... (13 weeks) ...	3	18	0
„ H. M. Haywood, Committee Clerk	40	0	0
„ Porter's Wages, and Assistant Cleaners	70	0	6
„ Watson, Sowter & Co., Auditors	7	7	0
	£559	8	6

LIBRARY

To New Books	304	6	6
„ Binding and Repairing Books	111	7	9
„ Binding Materials	4	12	0
„ Palæontographical Society's Reports	1	1	0
„ Printing Post Card and other Notices	13	7	6
„ Printing Fines Books	4	4	0
„ Printing "Devonshire" Catalogues	2	15	2
	£441	13	11

Library, &c.

Year ending September 29th, 1893.

TO PREMISES ACCOUNT. Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Free Library Rate Account	21	11	8
	£21	11	8

WAGES ACCOUNT.

By Free Library Rate Account	559	8	6
	£559	8	6

ACCOUNT.

By Sale of Catalogues	6	3	4
,, Fines upon Readers for Detention of Books	75	1	7
,, Fees for New Tickets and Post Cards	9	17	8
,, Lost and Damaged Books	2	5	0
,, Free Library Rate Account	348	6	4
	£441	13	11

Dr. READING AND NEWS

	£	s.	d.
To Magazines and Periodicals	34	2	0
„ Newspapers, Illustrated Papers, &c.	59	4	4
„ Directories	7	2	6
„ Chair Pads	3	15	0
	£104	3	10

MUSEUM

To Specimens Purchased	9	1	0
„ Mounting Specimens	5	0	0
„ Repairing Damaged Case	1	12	6
„ Labels for Cases	3	13	9
„ Fittings for ditto	2	0	6
	£21	7	9

DERBY

To Free Library Rate at One Farthing in the £, one Quarter to 25th December, 1892	400	0	0
„ Ditto, Quarter ending 25th March, 1893	400	0	0
„ Ditto, Quarter ending 24th June, 1893	400	0	0
„ Ditto, Quarter ending 29th September, 1893	400	0	0
	£1600	0	0

ROOMS ACCOUNT.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Sale of Old Newspapers, &c.	4	13	3
„ Free Library Rate Account	99	10	7
	£104	3	10

ACCOUNT.

By Free Library Rate Account	21	7	9
	£21	7	9

CORPORATION.

By Treasurer, Free Library Rate, granted Nov. 9th, 1892 ...	400	0	0
„ Ditto, granted February 1st, 1893	400	0	0
„ Ditto, granted May 3rd, 1893	400	0	0
„ Ditto, granted August 2nd, 1893	400	0	0
	£1600	0	0

Dr. **ESTABLISHMENT**

	£	s.	d.
To Gas	105	0	7
,, Water	4	12	0
,, Coal	31	12	0
,, Fire Insurance	17	12	10
,, Ironmongery	2	9	4
,, Plants, Bulbs, &c. for Garden	8	9	6
,, Petty Cash Payments by Librarian	35	18	1
,, Printing Annual Reports	10	0	0
,, Various Printing and Stationery	15	3	5
,, Cleaning Windows	12	0	0
,, Property Tax and House Duty	11	2	6
,, Miscellaneous Expenses	3	0	2
,, Cheque Books and Commission Charged by Bankers ...	4	12	4
,, Clothing for Porter	3	18	6
,, Winding Clock	3	0	0
,, National Telephone Co. Annual Subscription	5	5	0
,, Cork Carpet for Library	14	12	0
,, Type Writer and Case	21	9	0
	£309	17	3

RATE

To Repairs and Alterations to Premises	21	11	8
,, Salaries and Wages	559	8	6
,, Library	348	6	4
,, Reading and News Rooms...	99	10	7
,, Museum	21	7	9
,, Establishment	305	15	11
,, Balance	477	18	7
	£1833	19	4

BALANCE

*,, Balance	477	18	7
	£477	18	7

*LIABILITIES :
Electric Lighting ... ... £370 0s. 0d.

ACCOUNT. **Cr.**

	£	s.	d.
By Derby Mechanics' Institute, Acknowledgment for Encroachment	0	1	0
„ Interest allowed by Bankers	4	0	4
„ Free Library Rate Account	305	15	11
	£309	17	3

ACCOUNT.

By Balance brought forward	233	19	4
„ Quarterly Rates granted by the Derby Corporation ...	1600	0	0
	£1833	19	4

SHEET.

By Free Library and Museum	477	18	7
	£477	18	7

H. M. HAYWOOD, Clerk.

We have examined the several Accounts of the Derby Free Library and Museum, for the year ending September 29th, 1893, and hereby certify that they are correct.—Dated this 25th day of October, 1893.

WATSON, SOWTER & Co., *Auditors appointed by the Corporation.*
GEORGE FROST,
JAMES HARWOOD, } *Auditors appointed by the Burgesses.*
JAMES PATRICK DOHERTY, *Auditor appointed by the Mayor.*

Derby Corporation

Abstract of the Accounts for the

Dr.

WAGES

	£	s.	d.
To Wages to Attendant at Turnstile and Charwoman ...	79	3	6
„ Watson, Sowter & Co., Auditors	3	3	0
	£82	6	6

REPAIRS AND

To Plumber's Work	4	16	5
„ Notice Boards	1	10	0
„ Seats in Gallery	4	12	6
	£10	18	11

COLLECTION AND CARRIAGE OF

To Collection and Carriage of Pictures, &c., and obtaining Loans	227	15	11
	£227	15	11

ESTABLISHMENT

To Fire Insurance	5	4	3
„ Gas	26	11	7
„ Coal	3	7	10
„ Ironmongery	4	14	8
„ Advertising	3	0	0
„ Printing, Stationery, and Posting	30	8	3
„ Printing Catalogues...	39	10	0
„ Hire of Piano for Concerts...	7	0	0
„ Petty Cash Payments by Curator	18	6	11
„ Interest, Commission, and Cheque Books charged by Bankers	10	18	3
„ Property Tax	2	10	0
„ Glass for Picture: "The Orrery"	3	17	0
	£155	8	9

Art Gallery.

Year ending September 29th, 1893.

ACCOUNT.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Art Gallery Account	82	6	6
	£82	6	6

ALTERATIONS ACCOUNT.

By Art Gallery Account	10	18	11
	£10	18	11

PICTURES AND LOANS ACCOUNT.

By Art Gallery Account	227	15	11
	£227	15	11

ACCOUNT.

By Advertisements in Catalogues	£24	10	0			
„ Sale of Catalogues	20	14	0			
				45	4	0
„ Art Gallery Account				110	4	9
				£155	8	9

Dr. DERBY CORPORATION

	£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward	322	18	8
	£322	18	8

ART GALLERY

To Wages	82	6	6
„ Repairs and Alterations	10	18	11
„ Collection and Carriage of Pictures, &c.	227	15	11
„ Establishment	110	4	9
	£431	6	1

BALANCE

To Art Gallery Revenue Account	328	17	3
	£328	17	3

ACCOUNT.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Derby Corporation, Amount owing to Banker at 29th September, 1892	322	18	8
	£322	18	8

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

By Autumn Exhibition, 1892-3.

				£	s.	d.
Receipts at Turnstile...	£34	17	8			
Commission on Pictures sold ...	14	3	9			
				49	1	5

,, Spring Exhibition, 1893.

Receipts at Turnstile...	£30	3	2			
Commission on Pictures sold ...	11	0	9			
				41	3	11

,, Summer Exhibition, 1893.

Receipts at Turnstile...				12	3	6
,, Balance (deficiency)				328	17	3
				£431	6	1

SHEET.

By Treasurer (amount owing)				328	17	3
				£328	17	3

H. M. HAYWOOD, Clerk.

We have examined the several Accounts of the Derby Art Gallery for the year ending 29th September, 1893, and hereby certify that they are correct.

Dated this 25th day of October, 1893.

WATSON, SOWTER & Co., *Auditors appointed by the Corporation.*
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BRITISH MUSEUM

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LONDON ROAD.

Borough of Derby.

Twenty-Third Annual Report of the Committee

OF THE

DERBY FREE LIBRARY & MUSEUM,

BRITISH MUSEUM

AND TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

ART GALLERY COMMITTEE.

PRESENTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL,

NOVEMBER 9TH, 1894.

DERBY: R. KEENE, PRINTER, IRON GATE.

BOROUGH OF DERBY.

TWENTY-THIRD

ANNUAL REPORT of the COMMITTEE

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ART GALLERY COMMITTEE.

BRITISH MUSEUM NATURAL HISTORY

Presented to the Town Council,

NOVEMBER 9TH, 1894.

DERBY:
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1894.

List of Committees & Officials.

Library and Museum Committee.

Mr. Councillor J. P. DOHERTY, J.P., Mayor, *Ex-Officio.*

Mr. Councillor BOTTOMLEY, J.P., Chairman.

Mr. Alderman RUSSELL, J.P.
Mr. Councillor CHOLERTON.
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,, ,, SUTHERLAND.
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Librarian and Curator.

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Clerk.

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Assistant Librarians.

Miss J. A. MILLER.
Miss ETHEL J. CROWTHER.

Mr. W. H. WALTON.
WILLIAM LOWNDES.

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Art Gallery Attendant.

J. FOLEY.

Porter.

GEORGE PULLEN.

Borough of Derby.

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Free Library and Museum Committee,

For the Year ended September 30th, 1894.

THE Free Library and Museum Committee have very much pleasure in presenting to the Town Council their Twenty-Third Annual Report, and are glad that in doing so they can testify to the undiminished popularity and usefulness of the Institution committed to their charge.

The Statistical Tables appended to the Librarian's Report will be found to contain many interesting details, and to those Tables all are referred who are interested in the inner working of the Library. The Committee feel, however, that they should draw attention to the increased issues in the Lending Library, which amount to more than ten thousand in the year just closed, and also to the fact that no fewer than 1,410 books have been added during the same period, of which 522 were replacements of books worn out, and the remainder entirely new. The Library stock in the two departments now amounts to 28,086 works. It will very soon become a question of shelf-room for the accommodation of the ever-increasing number of books, and the Committee have at present under consideration a scheme which will afford much relief, by the separation of the Juvenile books from the others, and thus set a large quantity of shelf-room at liberty, and also add materially to the comfort of adult borrowers, and the facility with which they can be served.

No new Supplementary Catalogue has been issued this year, but the Committee feel that the time has now arrived when the Catalogue as a whole should be grappled with, and they have adopted the suggestion of the Librarian, that the whole should be republished, but in Sections, and that Section dealing with Science, Art, and Technology is now in course of active preparation, and it is hoped may be issued by about Christmas.

The building is in a good state of repair. The Electric Light installation was completed on December 13th last, and since that time has been in full operation, very much to the advantage of everybody and everything concerned. The irregularities of supply have been but slight, and although the cost is at present considerably in advance of that of gas, the Committee have no reason to regret having made the change. It is a source of satisfaction to them that they have been able to pay for the Electric Light, and also for the painting and cleaning of the whole Institution, inside and out, without borrowing money, or in any way impairing the usefulness of the Institution. The charges for painting and bookbinding will undoubtedly be less in the future.

The Committee's best thanks are due to those who have kindly given books, periodicals, and other articles during the past year, and they close this Report by placing on record their complete satisfaction with the manner in which the staff discharge their duties, and they believe that their feeling in this matter is shared by those residents who use the Library.

On behalf of the Committee,

GEORGE BOTTOMLEY,

CHAIRMAN.

October 29th, 1894.

To the Chairman and Members of the Derby Free Library and Museum Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to lay before you my Ninth Annual Report, and perhaps I might be permitted at the outset to make a few comparisons between the Stock and issues at the time of my appointment, and those it is my pleasure to lay before you for the year just closed.

	LIBRARY STOCK.		ISSUES.	
	LENDING.	REFERENCE.	TOTAL.	DAILY.
1884-5	13,020	7,850	111,864	438
1893-4	17,953	10,133	155,827	605

These figures speak for themselves. We have now 7,216 more books, the year's issues are nearly 44,000 more, and there is an increase of 167 in the daily issues. For the year just closed, the figures in the Lending Department show an increase of more than ten thousand issues over 1892-3, and the daily issue is 45 higher. The Reference Department is slightly less than the preceding year, but that is accounted for by the fact that at the close of last year, during the progress of the Electric Light installation, there were several weeks, and that at the busiest time, when the Library was only in partial use during the evening.

The number of new books added during the year has been 755 in the Lending Department, and 335 in the Reference, the latter including about two hundred volumes of Patent Specifications. The number of books withdrawn as worn out is 707, and of these 522 have been replaced, the remainder being books whose places have been declared vacant. Seven volumes have been lost and paid for, eight coming from infected houses have been destroyed, and four have been totally lost. I have to repeat the remark of former years, that on the whole, the books are very well used, and cases of wilful damage are rare, although we still suffer from acts of carelessness on the part of our borrowers.

The Book Committee have paid special attention to the Scientific books in both Libraries, and works of great value and containing the newest information have been steadily added. Our percentage table shows an increase in every department of the Library except fiction, which shows a corresponding decrease. Juvenile books have been added largely of late years, and are much patronised, and I think that their separation

from the rest of the Library will be an advantage all round, if it is found possible to do so. There has been a considerable amount of controversy lately as to what young people read in the way of tales, and I have taken the trouble to ascertain the issues of two favourite authors, one for boys, and one for girls. We have in the Library 98 copies of books by G. A. Henty, and 76 by Mrs. Marshall. I find that the former were issued 5,400 times during the year, and the latter 2,400 times, an average of 18 a day in the case of the boys' book, and of 8 in the case of the girls'. When it is borne in mind that there are other authors nearly as popular for both sexes, it will be seen how largely this department is used.

We have added 1,207 new borrowers during the year, and the number of cards cancelled is only 101, so that the number of borrowers is greater than ever. Table 6 showing their occupations, is always an interesting one, and shows that we draw on all classes for our customers. About one-fifth return themselves as of no occupation, but this class includes most of the married women, and the description does not by any means accurately describe them, although it is the only one open. I give again a Table showing the distribution of our last thousand borrowers in the various wards of the town, which shows about the same results as formerly. The number from Derwent Ward is about that to be expected, Babington, Becket, Friar Gate, and Litchurch wards supply more than their quota of readers, the first named Ward having the highest average, while Arboretum, King's Mead, and Castle Ward fall below.

WARD.	Actual Number of Borrowers.	Number to be expected according to Population.
Arboretum	140	168
Babington	159	122
Becket	210	198
Castle	77	115
Derwent	62	64
Friar Gate	144	113
King's Mead	112	145
Litchurch	96	75

The number of people using the News Rooms is as great, if not greater, than ever, and I have had little cause to complain of the conduct of those frequenting them. The rule of silence is on the whole well observed, and a word of caution has always been found sufficient where there was a disposition to break it.

There have been no important additions to the Museum during the year, beyond some remains presented by the Directors of the Midland

Railway Company. The Committee has, however, undertaken the re-arrangement and thorough overhauling of the Natural History specimens, and the Mammals have now been completed. Worthless specimens have been rejected, and the whole collection has been thoroughly cleaned and put in order, and the cases repapered. The rest of the specimens will be dealt with in due course. Visitors to this department are as numerous as ever, and the proportion of students is certainly on the increase. With regard to the number of visitors to the Institution as a whole, it is impossible to tell exactly, but I estimate that at least eight times the whole population of the Borough enters our doors during the year.

As your Librarian, I attended the Annual Conference of the Library Association, held this year at Belfast. The proceedings were of more than usual interest, and there was a very complete exhibition of Library appliances. I had the honour of being elected a member of the Council of the Association for the fourth year in succession.

There has been no change in our staff, I am glad to say, during the past year, and I can only repeat what I have said on former occasions as to the way in which they discharge their duties. I do not think that either the Committee or the public could be better served. In closing, I desire once more to place on record my sense of the obligation under which I am to the Press of the town and neighbourhood for their hearty co-operation and help in everything tending to the good of the Library and Museum. To yourselves I also desire to tender my heartiest thanks for the ready help and consideration I have always received at your hands, which make my work here a pleasure.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Very faithfully yours,

WILLIAM CROWTHER,

LIBRARIAN AND CURATOR.

October 29th, 1894.

TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF

The Corporation Art Gallery Committee.

THE Committee of the Art Gallery have much pleasure in presenting their Twelfth Annual Report to the Town Council, and in congratulating them on the continued popularity and usefulness of the Institution committed to their care. The Gallery has been open 250 days, and the number of visitors during the last three years is shown by the following Table:—

	1891-22.	1892-93.	1893-94.
Visitors to Autumn Exhibition	20027	17399	20300
,, Spring ,, ...	20648	17456	20840
,, Summer ,, ...	11289	11290	13156
Total Visitors	51964	46145	54296
Total Days Open by Payment	194	156	164
,, ,, Free	84	83	86
Total Days Open	278	239	250
Average on Paying Days	78·3	85·	83
,, Free Days	437·8	396·4	473

These figures clearly show that increased interest is taken in the Art Gallery. It will be noticed that while the average attendance on the paying days remains practically the same, there is a considerable increase on the free days. In 1889-90, when the Gallery was open 249 days, the attendance was only 31,274. During the past year the largest attendance on a free day was on Oct. 28th, when 1,883 persons passed the turnstiles, the attraction being the exhibition of the beautiful Dessert Service manufactured by the Royal Crown Derby Porcelain Company, as the wedding present from the Borough of Derby to their

Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York. The greatest number of visitors on a pay day was on Whit Monday, when 565 passed through the Gallery.

The deficiency is a little greater this year than last, and is accounted for by the expense incurred in thoroughly repainting the building, the purchase of medals awarded at the Photographic Exhibition, and by the reduction in the amount received as commission on the sale of pictures. The pictures sold were of the catalogue value of £419; which, owing to the depressed state of local trade, must be considered satisfactory. The number of catalogues sold reached 5,953 copies, an excess on former years.

During the year, the usual number of Exhibitions has been held. The Autumn Exhibition was good in quality, and the Art Union in connection with it realised the sum of £92 15s. 0d.

The Spring Exhibition was of exceptional merit, and the Committee were fortunate in obtaining from the Trustees of the Chantrey Bequest, the loan of Sir Frederick Leighton's beautiful picture, the Bath of Psyche. There were other fine pictures; local art was well represented, and the Exhibition was deservedly popular.

The Summer Exhibition consisted of Photographs, and a number of representative exhibits were secured. Medals were awarded, and in the opinion of the judges, Messrs. England and Mayland, the Exhibition took high rank as to the quality of the works submitted. In the lower Gallery there was a small collection of sketches by the late Charles Jones, the eminent animal painter, and the thanks of the Committee are specially due to that gentleman's son, Mr. Bertram Loud, for the interesting loan.

The Autumn Exhibition now in progress, without containing many important pictures, is interesting, and the general level shows improvement. That the Gallery continues to rise in the estimation of Artists is shown by the fact that nearly two hundred more pictures were submitted for selection than could be hung, and that it is appreciated by the general public because it has attracted 8,000 visitors during the month that it has been open.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Boden, of the Friary, have presented to the Art Gallery Ceramic Collection a number of pieces of Derby Porcelain of various periods, including some special examples of modern manufacture, among which are specimen plates from the dessert service presented respectively to the Duke and Duchess of York, and the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone.

The Chairman of the Art Gallery also presented to the "Felix Joseph Collection" a plate from the celebrated "Barry" dessert service. The thanks of the Council and Committee have been tendered to these donors. The Committee trust that others will be found willing to add to the Art Treasures already possessed by the Town.

The objects on loan from South Kensington Museum, filling four cases, have recently been changed, and the present selection includes specimens of electrotypes, ancient and modern pottery and porcelain, ancient jewellery and glass, most of which examples are likely to be of benefit to the Art industries of the Borough.

The Promenade Concerts on Saturday evenings, organised by the Curator, were held as usual during the winter, and the Ninth Season proved quite as attractive and satisfactory as its predecessors, and yielded a similar profit. The thanks of the Committee are specially due to the ladies and gentlemen, both professionals and amateurs, who give their services without fee or reward on these pleasant occasions.

A year's working of the Electric Light enables the Committee to speak from experience as to the great benefit the Gallery has derived from its introduction. The pictures are certainly better seen than before, and the atmosphere is far purer. The cost of the Electric Light as compared with gas is about £36 against £26, and whilst obtaining a superior light, the expense of painting and cleaning will be reduced in future.

The Committee, in closing their Report, desire once more to bear testimony to the zeal and efficiency with which the Curator discharges his duties, and to express the hope that the Art Gallery will continue to afford both pleasure and benefit to the ratepayers.

On behalf of the Committee,

WILLIAM BEMROSE,

CHAIRMAN.

October 29th, 1894.

TABLE I.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	1 No. of Volumes in Library, September, 1893.	2 Volumes lost and paid for.	3 Volumes from Infected Houses Destroyed.	4 Volumes Totally Lost.	5 Volumes Withdrawn as worn out.	6 Total.	Stock reduced as per Column 6.	No. of Books Replaced.	No. of New Books.	Present Library Stock, 1894.	Total Increase in each case.	Percentage of Books in each Class.
Arts and Sciences	1689	...	...	...	3	3	1686	...	121	1807	118	10.07
Law and Politics	242	...	...	...	...	...	242	...	14	256	14	1.43
Natural History	405	...	...	...	1	1	404	1	24	429	24	2.39
Poetry and Drama	611	...	...	...	5	5	606	1	20	627	16	3.49
Theology and Philosophy ...	908	...	...	...	...	...	908	...	49	957	49	5.33
Light Literature	6338	7	8	4	651	670	5668	495	265	6428	90	35.80
History, Travels, & Biography	5635	...	...	...	5	5	5630	7	184	5821	186	32.42
Miscellaneous	1574	...	...	...	42	42	1532	18	78	1628	54	9.07
Totals	17402	7	8	4	707	726	16676	522	755	17953	551	100.00

TABLE II.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

SHOWING THE MONTHLY ISSUE IN EACH CLASS, THE NUMBER OF DAYS THE LIBRARY WAS OPEN, THE TOTAL VOLUMES ISSUED, AND THE DAILY AVERAGE.

MONTH.	No. of Days Open.	Science and Art.	Politics and Commerce.	Natural History.	Theology and Philosophy.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, and Travel.	Miscellaneous.	Total.	Daily Average of Volumes.
1893.											
October	24	387	30	71	100	109	12025	678	581	13981	583
November	21	343	23	81	81	111	11510	622	553	13324	634
December	21½	332	10	98	88	113	11848	650	543	13682	636
1894.											
January	24½	341	18	104	100	106	12988	629	548	14834	605
February	22	323	13	94	97	95	12649	652	588	14511	660
March...	20½	334	13	92	126	93	13206	614	585	15063	735
April	23	373	14	88	97	89	12041	572	542	13816	601
May	23	337	14	87	100	90	11918	585	536	13667	594
June	7½	66	7	28	31	28	3332	163	164	3819	509
July	24	272	7	77	87	78	10715	504	406	12146	506
August	23½	262	20	65	107	69	11591	523	500	13137	559
September	23	295	17	75	94	64	12229	571	502	13847	602
Totals	257½	3665	186	960	1108	1045	136052	6763	6048	155827	605

TABLE III.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	No. of Vols. in Library, September, 1893.	Additions during the year.	Present Library Stock, 1894.
Arts and Sciences	1963	68	2004
Law and Politics	246	3	249
Natural History	542	3	545
Poetry and Drama	159	1	160
Theology and Philosophy	276	2	278
Light Literature...	63	...	63
History, Travels, Biography, &c.	1673	14	1687
Miscellaneous	1279	35	1314
Devonshire Library	1247	7	1254
Patent Library	2377	202*	2579
Total	9798	335	10133

Pamphlets not included in the above. *Patents are now received singly, and only *completed* volumes are here included. 140 abridgements of specifications, together with other Patent Office publications received during the year in addition to the above volumes.

TABLE IV.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

SHOWING THE MONTHLY ISSUE IN EACH CLASS, THE NUMBER OF DAYS THE LIBRARY WAS OPEN, THE TOTAL VOLUMES ISSUED, AND THE DAILY AVERAGE.

MONTH.	No. of Days Open.	Science and Art.	Politics and Commerce.	Natural History.	Theology and Philosophy.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History Biography, and Travel.	Miscellaneous.	Patent Library.	Books for Blind.	Devonshire Library.	Total.	Daily Average of Volumes.
1893.														
October ...	27	312	12	90	57	17	61	247	330	154	...	...	1280	47
November ...	22	147	8	55	23	17	21	116	196	40	...	8	631	29
December ...	24	269	12	68	22	40	70	132	156	21	...	...	790	33
1894.														
January ...	27	382	5	112	116	83	127	269	374	188	...	...	1656	61
February ...	20	323	3	79	33	151	42	184	252	352	...	3	1422	71
March ...	22	324	6	59	46	160	43	166	234	183	...	...	1221	55
April	25	339	5	49	39	79	52	132	203	137	6	8	1049	42
May	25	321	9	61	32	17	28	171	181	41	...	10	871	35
June	14	157	7	43	19	16	19	99	133	12	...	7	512	37
July	26	340	12	60	67	15	21	147	151	5	...	12	830	32
August ...	26	338	11	114	51	34	36	254	191	153	...	18	1200	46
September ...	25	319	21	55	60	16	111	199	213	297	...	...	1291	52
Totals ...	283	3571	111	845	565	645	631	2116	2614	1583	6	66	12753	45

TABLE V.

MISCELLANEOUS.

MONTH.	No. of New Borrowers.		No. of Cards Cancelled.	No. of Overdue Books written for.	No. of Books Re-bound.	No. of Books Repaired and Numbered.
	Males.	Females.				
1893.						
October	82	44	13	35	...	295
November	85	44	11	84	...	394
December	68	32	13	33	...	308
1894.						
January	82	43	5	72	...	252
February	87	39	4	49	106	457
March...	56	39	12	34	152	174
April	60	28	8	78	...	323
May	52	25	10	63	...	341
June	14	16	...	...	...	612
July	61	33	7	5	40	30
August	57	42	9	18	...	427
September	74	44	9	53	...	303
Totals	778	429	101	524	298	3916

Approximate Total No. of Borrowers' Tickets now in force ... 7,500.

TABLE VI.

Occupations of the Last Thousand of the New Borrowers.

Agents and Collectors ...	8
Apprentices and Shop Assistants	57
Architects, Surveyors, and Draughtsmen	5
Bakers and Confectioners ...	7
Barmaids	4
Boiler Maker	1
Bookbinders, Printers, Lithographers, and Compositors	24
Boot and Shoe Makers ...	4
Brewer	1
Brush Maker	1
Builders, Bricklayers, and Plasterers	7
Butchers	6
Carpenters, Joiners, Cabinet Makers, and Upholsterers	13
Carriage and Wagon Builders	3
Carter	1
Chemist and Druggist ...	1
China Workers	7
Clergyman and Ministers ...	9
Clerks and Book-keepers ...	74
Coachman	1
Commercial Travellers ...	2
Contractor	1
Cook	1
Core Maker	1
Corset Maker	1
Corn Factors and Millers ...	2
Cricketer	1
Decorator	1
Domestic Servants	12
Drapers	4
Electricians	13
Engineers, Moulders, Smiths, Fitters, and Engine Drivers	61
Elastic Bandage Makers ...	2
Engraver	1
Errand and Office Boys ...	37
Factory Hands	35
Farmer	1
Farrier...	1
Fishmonger	1
Gardeners and Greengrocers	2
Grocers and Provision Dealers	4
Gunsmith	1
Hairdressers	2
Hotel Keeper	1
Housekeepers...	7
Inland Revenue Officers ...	4
Inspector	1
Labourers	15
Lace Maker	1
Laundress	1
Managers of Works	6
Manufacturers...	4
Medical Practitioners... ...	2
Messengers	13
Milliners and Dressmakers ...	27
Nurse	1
Optician	1
Packer...	1
Painters and Paperhangers ...	13
Pattern Maker	1
Photographer	1
Piano Tuner	1
Plumbers and Glaziers ...	5
Policemen	2
Polisher	1
Porters, Attendants, and Caretakers	5
Postman	1
Publicans	2
Railway Employés	10
Reporter	1
Rope Spinner	1
Scholars and Students ...	157
Skinners and Leather Dressers	3
Soldiers	2
Solicitor	1
Stationers	2
Surgical Bandage Makers ...	2
Tailoresses	6
Tailors, Hatters, and Hosiers	9
Teachers and Pupil Teachers	44
Telegraphists	6
Turners and Brass Finishers	6
Waiters	3
Warehousemen	4
Watchmakers and Jewellers ...	3
Weaver	1
Wheelwright	1
No Occupation	200
Total	1,000

TABLE VII.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

COMPARATIVE RETURNS.

	1893.	1894.
Lending Library Replacements	355	522
New Books	785	755
Total Books...	17402	17953
„ Issues...	145177	155827
Average Daily Issue	560·5	605
Turnover of each Volume	8·34	8·35
Reference Library:		
New Books	134	335
Total Books...	9798	10133
„ Issues...	14627	12753
Average Daily Issue	51	45
New Borrowers	1099	1207
Total Borrowers (approximate)	7500	7500
Numbers of Works issued per Borrower ...	19·36	20·51
Cards Cancelled	111	101
Overdue Books written for...	514	524
Books Rebound and Repaired	3705	4214

GENERAL DATA.

Population (estimated to June, 1894)	98,475
Rateable Value (September, 1894)	£404,611
Amount of Rate Levied	ONE PENNY
Amount produced by Rate	£1,640
Library Stock	28.52 PER CENT. OF POPULATION

Donations to the Library.

Agent General for New South Wales, The—Annual Report; Mines and Agriculture; An Australian Language; The Wealth and Progress of New South Wales, 1893.

Agent General for Victoria, The—Victoria and its Resources.

Agent General for Western Australia, The—Western Australia in 1893.

Allen, Messrs., W. H. & Co.—London in 1893.

Bemrose, William, Esq.—Report of the Commissioner of Education 1889-90; Official Catalogue of the British Section of the Chicago Exhibition, 1893.

Burdett, Henry C., Esq.—Prince, Princess, and People.

Burdett, Coutts, The Baroness—Women's Mission; Papers on the Philanthropic Work of Women.

Cassell & Co., Ltd., Messrs.—Cassell's Illustrated Almanac for 1894.

Champness & Co., Messrs.—The Insurance Blue Book and Guide for 1893-4.

Cobden Club, The—Various Publications.

Editor of "The News"—Current Volumne of "The News."

Ellison, Thomas P., Esq.—The Little Man Island (two copies).

Fisk, Francis, Esq.—Adcock's Engineer's Pocket Book; Skyring's Builder's Prices for 1894.

Fitzgerald, Mrs.—A Protest against Agnosticism; The Philosophy of Self-consciousness; A Treatise on the Principle of Sufficient Reason.

Griffith, Alexander, Esq.—The Cycle Calendar.

Hampton, W., Esq.—Hampton's Scholastic Directory and Hotel Guide 1893.

Holborow, Arthur, Esq.—Evolution and Scripture.

Horniman Museum, The—Annual Report.

Hull, Mr. Thomas H.—Speeches of Charles Bradlaugh.

Iliffe, William, Esq.—Seventeenth Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for Derby, 1893.

Irish Unionist Alliance Co.—Ireland as it is, and would be under Home Rule; Notes from Ireland, 1893; Twenty-five Years in the Secret Service; Irish Unionist Alliance Publications.

Library Reports from Aberdeen, Barking, Barrow-in-Furness, Battersea, Belfast, Birkenhead, Birmingham, Blackburn, Blackpool, Bolton, Bootle, Bradford, Brentford, Brighton, Bristol, Buxton, Camberwell, Cardiff, Chelsea, Cheltenham, Chester, Clapham, Clerkenwell, Clitheroe, Cork, Coventry, Croydon, Darwen, Doncaster, Ealing, Gosport, Great Yarmouth, Halifax, Hammersmith, Holborn, Hove, Kidderminster, Leamington, Leeds, Leicester, Lenton, Liverpool, Loughborough, Norwich, Nottingham, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Preston, Richmond (Surrey), Rochdale, Salford, Sheffield, Smethwick, Southampton, St. Giles's, St. Helen's, St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Stafford, Streatham, Swansea, Tynemouth, West Bromwich, Westminster, Whitechapel, Wolverhampton.

Lipshytz, C. T., Esq.—The Handwriting on the Wall; The Casting Out of Satan into the Earth.

Midland Railway Co., Directors of The—Two Framed Maps of the Midland Railway System.

Midland Railway Institute, The—Classified Catalogue, 1894.

North British Railway, Directors of The—Framed Map of the North British Railway System.

Ogle, W., Esq., J.P.—Annual Reports of the British Association.

Pitman & Son, Messrs. Isaac—Pitman's Shorthand and Typewriting Year Book and Diary, 1894.

Rawlings Edward, Esq.—Annotated Paragraph Bible.

Rickard Douglas, Esq.—Volumes 1—35, English Mechanic.

Robson, William, Esq.—The Lord's Supper.

Sampson, Low, Marston & Co., Messrs.—Hic Et Ubique.

Secretary, Brewer's Exhibition, 1893—Official Catalogue of the 1893 Brewer's and Allied Traders' Annual Exhibition.

Secretary, Durham University—University Calendar, 1894.

Secretary, Iron and Steel Institute—Journal of the Iron and Steel Institute, 1893-4; Special American Volume, and List of Members of the Iron and Steel Institute.

Secretary, Royal Colonial Institute—Proceedings of the Royal Colonial Institute, Volume 25, 1893-4.

Secretary of State for India—Volume 41, "Sacred Books of the East."

Secretary, Technical College, Glasgow—Calendar, 1893-4.

Smithsonian Institute, The—Catalogue of "A. L. A." Library; Statistics of Public Libraries in the U. S. and Canada (two copies); The Climatology and Physical Features of Maryland.

Stokes, A. H., Esq.—Official Catalogue of the British Section of the Chicago Exhibition, 1893; Catalogue of Lovejoy's Library, Reading.

Stubbs & Co., Messrs.—Stubbs' Manufacturers, Merchants, Shippers, and Professional Directory, 1894.

Sykes, John, Esq., M.D.—Collection of Pedigrees compiled by the late Thomas Norris Ince.

University Correspondence College, Tutorial Series (per Messrs. W. B. Clive & Co.)—University Correspondence Calendar for 1893-4; Text Book of Biology, Part II.; History of Rome; B. A. Directory, 1893; Elementary Text Book of Mechanics; Elementary Qualitative Analysis; Greek Reader; London Matriculation Directory, 1894; London University Calendar, 1894-5. Also "The University Correspondent." Pamphlets, Leaflets, &c.

West Highland Railway, Directors of the—Mountain, Moor, and Loch.

Donations to the Museum.

Bemrose, Mr. Charles—Case of Sea Birds.

Campion, Mr. R. W.—Two Cinerary Urns and contents, found near Blankney, Lincolnshire, in 1882, during Construction of the Spalding and Lincoln Railway.

Cooke, Mr. L. M.—Echinus, and Egg of Eider Duck.

Davis, Mr. Henry—Specimens of Plumbago and Asbestos.

Midland Railway Co., Directors of The—Large Tusk and sundry other Remains found at Helpston.

Mosby, Mr. George—Specimen of Iron Pyrites, Crystals on Calcite.

Mountford, Mr. John—Blue and White Jug.

Topham, Mr. F.—King Parrakeet; (Platycercus Scapulatus.)

Donations to the Art Gallery.

H. Boden, Esq., J.P. and Mrs. Boden—Collection of Derby China. Seventy-two pieces.

W. Bemrose, Esq., J.P.—One old Crown Derby Dessert Plate, formerly belonging to the Barry family.

W. England, Esq.—Two Cloud-Studies in the Alps.

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS.

Derby Free

Abstract of the Accounts for the

Dr. REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS

	£	s.	d.
To Joiner's, Plumber's, and Gas Fitter's Work	17	15	4
„ Locksmith's Work, and Repairing Electric Bells... ...	3	7	9
„ Builder's Work	14	10	1
„ Painting Interior of Library and Museum	82	9	7
„ Painting Librarian's and Porter's Houses...	14	3	7
„ Wiring and Fittings for Electric Light	422	7	3
„ Lamps for Electric Light	13	8	6
	£568	2	1

SALARIES AND

To W. Crowther, Chief Librarian and Curator	240	0	0
„ J. A. Miller, Assistant Librarian...	68	10	0
„ W. H. Walton, „ „	83	0	0
„ E. J. Crowther, „ „	28	15	0
„ W. Lowndes, „ „	21	0	0
„ W. L. Coltman, „ „	16	12	0
„ H. M. Haywood, Committee Clerk	40	0	0
„ Porter's Wages, and Assistant Cleaners	71	8	0
„ Watson, Sowter & Co., Auditors	7	7	0
	£576	12	0

LIBRARY

To New Books	336	6	7
„ Binding and Repairing Books	147	17	4
„ Binding Materials	7	3	3
„ Palæontographical Society's Reports	1	1	0
„ Printing Post Cards and other Notices and Forms ...	26	4	0
„ Printing Fines Books	4	4	0
	£522	16	2

Library, &c.

Year ending September 29th, 1894.

TO PREMISES ACCOUNT. Cr

	£	s.	d.
By Free Library Rate Account	568	2	1
	£568	2	1

WAGES ACCOUNT.

By Free Library Rate Account	576	12	0
	£576	12	0

ACCOUNT.

By Sale of Catalogues	5	16	9
„ Fines upon Readers for Detention of Books	73	14	5
„ Fees for New Tickets and Post Cards	10	16	3
„ Lost and Damaged Books	1	4	3
„ Free Library Rate Account	431	4	6
	£522	16	2

Dr. READING AND NEWS

	£	s.	d.
To Magazines and Periodicals	33	12	4
„ Newspapers, Illustrated Papers, &c.	58	1	11
„ Directories	9	0	6
„ Framed Maps of Derbyshire	5	0	0
	£105	14	9

MUSEUM

To Models, Specimens, and Mounting same	5	12	6
„ Herbarium, Purchased	25	0	0
	£30	12	6

DERBY

To Free Library Rate at One Farthing in the £, one Quarter to 25th December, 1893	410	0	0
„ Ditto, Quarter ending 25th March, 1894	410	0	0
„ Ditto, Quarter ending 24th June, 1894	410	0	0
„ Ditto, Quarter ending 29th September, 1894	410	0	0
	£1640	0	0

ROOMS ACCOUNT.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Sale of Old Newspapers, &c.	5	8	10
„ Free Library Rate Account	100	5	11
	£105	14	9

ACCOUNT.

By Free Library Rate Account	30	12	6
	£30	12	6

CORPORATION.

By Treasurer, Free Library Rate, granted Nov. 9th, 1893 ...	410	0	0
„ Ditto, granted February 7th, 1894	410	0	0
„ Ditto, granted May 2nd, 1894	410	0	0
„ Ditto, granted August 1st, 1894	410	0	0
	£1640	0	0

Dr. ESTABLISHMENT

	£	s.	d.
To Gas and Exchanging Meter	44	3	3
,, Electric Light	89	13	7
,, Water	3	9	10
,, Coal	37	6	3
,, Fire Insurance	17	12	10
,, Ironmongery	2	18	4
,, Plants, Bulbs, &c. for Garden	8	14	9
,, Petty Cash Payments by Librarian	46	0	3
,, Printing Annual Reports	9	13	6
,, Various Printing and Stationery	12	12	9
,, Cleaning Windows	7	10	0
,, Property Tax and House Duty	12	18	4
,, Miscellaneous Expenses	3	1	4
,, Commission Charged by Bankers	2	13	0
,, Clothing for Porter	4	4	6
,, Winding Clock	3	0	0
,, National Telephone Co. Annual Subscription	5	5	0
,, Canvas Hose for Cleaning	5	11	10
,, Fire Hose, Fittings, and Ladder	11	14	3
	£328	3	7

RATE

To Repairs and Alterations to Premises	568	2	1
,, Salaries and Wages	576	12	0
,, Library	431	4	6
,, Reading and News Rooms	100	5	11
,, Museum	30	12	6
,, Establishment	323	4	0
,, Balance	87	17	7
	£2117	18	7

BALANCE

ASSETS.

*,, Balance	84	6	0
,, ,, Librarian's hands	3	11	7
	£87	17	7

*Liabilities:

Heating Apparatus	£12	10	0
Painting Exterior of Institution	37	10	0
Renovating Museum Specimens	20	0	0
	£70	0	0

ACCOUNT. **Cr.**

	£	s.	d.
By Derby Mechanics' Institute, Acknowledgment for Encroachment	0	1	0
,, Interest allowed by Bankers	3	15	7
,, Allowance on Electric Light Account	1	3	0
,, Free Library Rate Account	323	4	0
	£328	3	7

ACCOUNT.

By Balance brought forward	477	18	7
,, Quarterly Rates granted by the Derby Corporation ...	1640	0	0
	£2117	18	7

SHEET.

LIABILITIES.

By Free Library and Museum	87	17	7
	£87	17	7

H. M. HAYWOOD, Clerk.

We have examined the several Accounts of the Derby Free Library and Museum, for the year ending September 29th, 1894, and hereby certify that they are correct.—Dated this 29th day of October, 1894.

WATSON, SOWTER & Co., *Auditors appointed by the Corporation.*
GEORGE FROST, } *Auditors appointed by the Burgesses.*
JAMES HARWOOD, }
HENRY BOAM, *Auditor appointed by the Mayor.*

Derby Corporation

Abstract of the Accounts for the

Dr.

WAGES

	£	s.	d.
To Wages to Attendant at Turnstile and Charwoman ...	79	15	0
,, Watson, Sowter & Co., Auditors	3	3	0
	£82	18	0

REPAIRS AND

To Gas Fitter's Work	2	14	1
,, Builder's and Slater's Work	10	4	3
,, Painting	27	1	8
	£40	0	0

COLLECTION AND CARRIAGE OF

To Collection and Carriage of Pictures, &c., and obtaining Loans	187	9	3
	£187	9	3

ESTABLISHMENT

To Fire Insurance	8	14	11
,, Gas and Exchanging Meter	4	15	3
,, Electric Light	34	14	9
,, Coal...	4	17	7
,, Ironmongery	2	11	10
,, Advertising	1	15	0
,, Printing, Stationery, and Posting	39	5	5
,, Printing Catalogues	49	8	11
,, Hire of Piano for Concerts	6	13	0
,, Printing Programmes for Concerts	3	10	0
,, Petty Cash Payments by Curator	22	5	8
,, Interest, Commission, and Cheque Books charged by Bankers	11	5	10
,, Medals for Photographic Exhibition	20	16	3
	£210	14	5

Art Gallery.

Year ending September 29th, 1894.

ACCOUNT.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Art Gallery Account	82	18	0
	£82	18	0

ALTERATIONS ACCOUNT.

By Art Gallery Account	40	0	0
	£40	0	0

PICTURES AND LOANS ACCOUNT.

By Art Gallery Account	187	9	3
	£187	9	3

ACCOUNT.

By Advertisements in Catalogues	£22	8	0			
„ Sale of Catalogues	24	18	7			
				47	6	7
„ Allowance on Electric Lighting Account				2	2	6
„ Art Gallery Account				161	5	4
				£210	14	5

Dr. DERBY CORPORATION

	£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward	328	17	3
	£328	17	3

ART GALLERY

To Wages	82	18	0
„ Repairs and Alterations	40	0	0
„ Collection and Carriage of Pictures, &c.	187	9	3
„ Establishment	161	5	4
	£471	12	7

BALANCE

ASSETS.

To Art Gallery Revenue Account	378	6	9
	£378	6	9

ACCOUNT. **Cr.**

	£	s.	d.
By Derby Corparation, Amount owing to Banker at 29th September, 1893	328	17	3
	£328	17	3

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

BY AUTUMN EXHIBITION, 1893-4.						
Receipts at Turnstile	£30	4	10			
Commission on Pictures sold ...	12	15	0			
				42	19	10
,, SPRING EXHIBITION, 1894.						
Receipts at Turnstile	£29	16	2			
Commission on Pictures sold ...	5	9	0			
				35	5	2
,, SUMMER EXHIBITION, 1894.						
Receipts at Turnstile				15	0	10
,, Balance (deficiency)				378	6	9
				£471	12	7

SHEET.

LIABILITIES.

By Treasurer (amount owing)	378	6	9
	£378	6	9

H. M. HAYWOOD, CLERK.

We have examined the several Accounts of the Derby Art Gallery for the year ending 29th September, 1894, and hereby certify that they are correct.

Dated this 29th day of October, 1894.

WATSON, SOWTER & Co., *Auditors appointed by the Corporation.*
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GEORGE PULLEN

Borough of Derby.

Twenty-Fourth Annual Report

of the

Free Library and Museum Committee,

For the Year ended September 30th, 1895.

THE Free Library and Museum Committee present their Twenty-Fourth Annual Report to the Town Council with very great pleasure, believing that at no time in its history has the Institution been doing more or better work than at the present, and that the advantages it offers to the Ratepayers have never been more highly appreciated.

The issue of books in both Lending and Reference Departments shows a substantial increase, which would have been greater still were it not for the fact that during the two months preceding the opening of the new Children's Department, juvenile books were gradually withdrawn from circulation. 1258 New Books were added during the year, of which 221 were replacements, and the total Library stock in all departments is 29,173 books. A change foreshadowed in the last Report has now taken place, and with excellent effect. One of the rooms has been specially fitted as a Children's Library, and to stock it about 900 books were withdrawn from the main Lending Library, and about 500 new ones purchased. Juvenile readers from 8 to 14 years of age have now a well-selected Library of 1,400 volumes. Considerable relief has been afforded to the over-crowded shelves in the Lending Department, and older people can get their wants attended to with greater celerity. During the three months the department has been open, more than three hundred borrowers have been enrolled, and the daily issue amounts to about fifty volumes.

The Committee have made another new departure during the past year. A good deal has been said from time to time about providing a a branch in the Litchurch division of the Borough, and a step has been

taken in that direction. The Arboretum Committee was approached for the purpose of securing the tenancy of the room near the Rosehill Street entrance to the Arboretum, known as the Refreshment Room. They met this Committee very liberally in the matter, and possession was obtained at Michaelmas. The room has been put into repair, and thoroughly cleaned, and on October 31st it was opened as a Reading Room, in which capacity alone it is proposed to use it for some six months to come. A representative number of Papers and Magazines, daily, weekly, and monthly are supplied, and will no doubt be much appreciated. The question of a Library is merely one of finance. There is plenty of room for the accommodation of as many books as the neighbourhood would require, when a suitable time comes for providing them. At present, however, the Committee feel that providing the requisite sum for starting such a Library is a task which with their present income they could scarcely undertake, although once started, they would find little difficulty in maintaining it. In similar cases, in other towns, books have often been obtained by local effort, or as a gift from some public spirited citizen, and this Committee would gladly hear of such a result following the provision of the premises here.

A portion of the new Catalogue of the Library has been accomplished during the past year. The Scientific books were considered the most important to be dealt with first, as being most in arrear, presenting the most formidable task, and being generally of the most importance. The work was a difficult one, but it has been successfully coped with, and the Lending portion was issued some months ago, forming a volume of 150 closely printed pages. The Reference portion will be nearly as large, and both it and the Children's Catalogue are now going through the press. Other portions of the Catalogue will be dealt with directly these are finished. This has added much to the Librarian's duties during the year, and the Committee have been obliged to obtain for him additional temporary clerical help.

The Building is in a good state of repair. The Electric Light installation has proved a complete success. There have been no serious complaints to make as to the supply, and although, as was expected, it is more expensive than gas, the light is better, the air is purer, and there is little or no deterioration in the painting of the walls and ceilings. For the first time since 1881, there is a balance on the wrong side of the account of about £104. This has been occasioned

by the special expenses which have had to be incurred. These include a sum of nearly £75 for the purposes of the Children's Library; £75 for the preparation and printing of the Scientific Catalogue; and nearly £60 for work which had to be undertaken in the Curator's house in consequence of the necessity for the re-arrangement of the water supply. There is no reason for supposing that the expenses of next year will include any abnormal items, and consequently this state of things will in due time be remedied.

The best thanks of the Committee are due to those who kindly gave books, papers, and other articles to the institution during the past year, and among these should be specially mentioned the late James Adey Birds, Esq., who died at Bournemouth last December, and left by his will his Geological and Mineralogical collections to the Museum. The Trustees of the British Museum have also handed over some very valuable duplicate mammals, reptiles, shells, and insects, and the donors of books and papers have been as numerous as usual.

The Committee cannot close this Report without placing on record their sense of the efficient manner in which the Librarian discharges his many duties, and the loyalty with which his efforts for the benefits of the Institution are seconded by all the members of his staff.

On behalf of the Committee,

GEORGE BOTTOMLEY,

CHAIRMAN.

November 1st, 1895.

To the Chairman and Members of the Derby Free Library and Museum Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

I HAVE the honour and pleasure of laying before you my Tenth Annual Report. The past year has been the busiest I have ever had in your service. The ordinary work, as the accompanying Tables show, is ever increasing. A new Department for Children has been organised and set to work. The whole of the scientific books have been newly catalogued, and the necessary arrangements have been made for opening a Branch Reading Room. In addition, a considerable amount of re-arrangement has been done in the Museum, and my work in connection with the Art Gallery increases rather than diminishes. My time has therefore been very fully employed. but, thanks to your ready co-operation and the loyal and willing help I receive from the whole of the staff, whose duties, like my own, are at times extremely heavy, the work has been done pleasantly enough, and I hope and believe to your satisfaction and that of the ratepayers.

A few figures, by way of comparison, will say more as to the increase of the Library and its work than anything else, and these I give below.

	TOTAL BOOKS.	TOTAL ISSUES.	DAILY AVERAGE.
November, 1885	20,970	111,864	438
,, 1890	24,673	146,649	552
,, 1895	29,173	172,262	658

The special figures belonging to this year's work will be found in the accompanying Tables, which, I think, contain all information likely to be interesting, and do not present any special features in any of the results shown. New books have been steadily added, and all departments of the Library kept well up to date, sufficient new books to give

the Children's Library a good start having been made a special feature. I have again to report that there is very little to complain of in the way the books are used, and such damage as comes under our notice is rather the result of carelessness than any attempt at wilful injury. With the Children's Library we shall have more opportunity of careful supervision and examination, and I am glad to say that up to the present there has been absolutely no occasion for complaint. The habit of making marginal notes, is not quite extinct with some of our older readers, but the comments rarely exhibit any critical value, and are mostly an exposure of the writer's ignorance of the subject he comments upon.

I think it is well to reiterate the fact that we take every possible precaution to prevent the Library becoming a means of spreading infection. I am constantly asked for information as to what we do, and it may perhaps be as well to state once again that we are regularly supplied, by the Sanitary Authority, with a list of the infected houses in the Borough, and under no circumstances is a book, which at the time is in such a house, allowed to come back to the Library. The householder is immediately warned and the book burned, either by an official of the Sanitary Authority, or by ourselves should it be brought to us.

The number of new borrowers added during the year is about normal. Table VI shows the occupations of the last thousand of them, and presents several interesting features, and their distribution in the various Wards of the town is nearly the same as in previous years. The accompanying Table shows this distribution.

WARD.	Per Thousand.	
	Actual Number of Borrowers.	Number to be expected according to Population.
Arboretum	133	168
Babington	162	122
Becket	232	198
Castle	64	115
Derwent	52	64
Friar Gate	127	113
King's Mead	117	145
Litchurch	113	75

The News Rooms are just as extensively used as ever, and are at times inconveniently crowded. There are no complaints to be made about the conduct of those who use them, except that we have not been entirely free from pilfering during the year. I am sorry to say that the majority of these petty thefts are of such a character as to indicate that they are not perpetrated by the most ignorant among the readers, and that the thieves, judging by the choice they make, must possess a considerable amount of literary discrimination and artistic taste. I am sure that offenders of this kind are a very small minority amongst those who use the Rooms, and that the great majority of our visitors are as anxious as we are ourselves that proper order in every way should be maintained.

Important donations have been made to the Museum this year, as referred to in the Chairman's Report. The Birds collection has been thoroughly overhauled and cleaned, and a portion of it placed on exhibition. The Committee hope to arrange for the bulk of the specimens it contains being lent to various Schools for teaching purposes, after the blanks in our own collection have been filled up. The duplicates received from the British Museum Trustees, which I was allowed to personally select, enabled us to complete as large a collection of typical Reptilia as we have space for. Our previous stock was carefully gone through, imperfect specimens destroyed, and uniform stoppered jars purchased. The whole collection has been properly labelled and placed in position, and when one or two English specimens have been obtained, which is only a matter of time, the Reptiles will be as complete a collection as the room at our disposal will permit.

As in former years, I had the pleasure of attending the Annual Conference of the Library Association, held this year at Cardiff. The proceedings were interesting, and the discussions on Library work profitable, and not the least valuable feature was a complete exhibition of Library fittings and appliances. I had the honour of being elected for the fifth time a member of the Council of the Association.

There has been, I am glad to say, no change in our staff during the past year, and I have once more to express my satisfaction with the

way in which they one and all discharge their duties. As heretofore the Derby newspapers have been willing coadjutors with me in everything that has tended to the benefit of the Institution, and to those connected with them I am under many and deep obligations. Finally I have to thank you all for your kindly help and consideration, and to express the hope that the work here, in which I find the greatest possible pleasure, may always be carried on in such a way as to deserve your approval and merit a continuance of your confidence.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Very faithfully yours,

WILLIAM CROWTHER,

Librarian and Curator.

November 1st, 1895.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF

The Corporation Art Gallery Committee.

THE Art Gallery Committee have pleasure in presenting their Thirteenth Annual Report to the Town Council. The Gallery has been open 249 days, and the number of visitors for the last three years may be seen by reference to the following Table:—

	1892-93	1893-94	1894-95
Visitors to Autumn Exhibition	17399	20300	17747
,, Spring ,, ...	17456	20840	18070
,, Summer ,, ...	11290	13156	11980
Total Visitors	46145	54296	47797
Total Days Open by Payment	156	164	160
,, ,, Free	83	86	89
Total Days Open ...	239	250	249
Average on Paying Days	85·	83	68
,, Free Days	396·4	473	415

The absence of any special attraction and the long and severe winter did much to make the number of visitors below that of last year, both in gross and in average. The highest number admitted on a paying day was 428 on Whit Monday; and the highest on a Free Day, 844 on Easter Wednesday. The Council will be interested to know that during the first four years the Gallery was open, the visitors numbered 105,139; during the second four years 124,465; and during the third similar period, 209,091; the total visitors during the thirteen years being 486,492.

The deficit to be paid by the Council is less than last year's by £51. The pictures sold during the Exhibitions were of a Catalogue value of £505 17s. 0d., or £86 in excess of last year, and the number of catalogues sold reached 5,412. The Art Union realised the sum of £75 8s. 0d., rather less than usual. The Exhibitions have been kept up to their usual standard of merit, and as a proof that the Gallery is growing in popular repute, the Hanging Committee at their last few exhibitions have always had more pictures submitted to them than they were able to hang, a very different state of affairs from that which obtained some few years since. The Spring Exhibition was a specially interesting one, and the thanks of the Committee are due to those gentlemen who kindly lent pictures. A good selection was made from the pictures of the Newlyn School, which had been on exhibition at Nottingham Castle, and a considerable number of pictures came on to us from the Birmingham Winter Exhibition, while the President and Council of the Royal Academy lent us the beautiful Chantrey Bequest picture, "Hopeless Dawn," by Mr. Frank Bramley, A.R.A. For the Summer Exhibition the Committee secured the Third Historical Travelling Collection of Water-Colours from South Kensington Museum, a collection specially interesting from a student's point of view; and for the Upper Gallery, the collection of pictures by Mr. Byron Cooper, illustrative of Tennysonland. These two collections made a very attractive Exhibition.

The Autumn Exhibition, now in progress, is fully up to the average in the number and merit of the pictures exhibited, and is especially strong in Water-Colours. During the month it has been open, it has been attended by 6,000 visitors.

The contents of the four cases lent to the Art Gallery by the Department of Science and Art were changed at the usual time, and the objects now on loan include a case of electrotypes, one of Oriental China, and some very choice specimens of early English iron and woodwork, as well as some very good Indian objects. The Committee again have to acknowledge the ready courtesy of the Department, and the anxiety of the officials to send such specimens as the Committee desire, and more particularly those likely to be useful to the Art Industries of the district.

The tenth Season of Promenade Concerts took place on the Saturday Evenings of last winter, and repeated the successes of former

seasons. The Committee are glad to take this opportunity of thanking very heartily all those who assist in these pleasant entertainments, which have done so much to popularise the Gallery.

The Electric Light continues to give satisfaction, and is not more expensive than was expected. Its cost during the past year has been £34 10s. against £36 last year, and about £8 more than the last gas bill. On the other hand the Gallery is much better lighted, and the painting and decoration of the building show little or no signs of deterioration, and will last at least twice as long as it has done previously.

The Committee are glad to report that more use has been made of the Gallery by students, for copying purposes, during the past year than at any time during its existence, and they hope that the usefulness of the Gallery will go on increasing. They desire once more to acknowledge the valuable services of the Curator, to whose zeal and assiduity in the discharge of his duties much of the success of the Art Gallery is due.

On behalf of the Committee,

WILLIAM BEMROSE,

CHAIRMAN.

November 1st, 1895.

TABLE I.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	1 No. of Volumes in Library, September, 1894.	2 Volumes lost and paid for.	3 Vols. from Infected Houses Destroyed.	4 Volumes Totally Lost.	5 Volumes Withdrawn as worn out.	6 Transferred to Children's Department.	7 Total.	Stock reduced as per Column 7.	Number of Books Replaced.	Number of New Books.	Present Library Stock, 1895.	Total Increase.	Total Decrease.	Percentage of Books in each Class.
Arts and Sciences... ...	1807	...	...	...	4	10	14	1793	...	41	1834	27	...	9.78
Law and Politics	256	...	...	...	1	...	1	255	...	10	265	9	...	1.41
Natural History	429	...	...	...	1	21	22	407	...	24	431	2	...	2.30
Poetry and Drama... ...	627	...	...	...	...	...	...	627	...	11	638	11	...	3.40
Theology & Philosophy ...	957	...	...	...	...	...	...	957	...	26	983	26	...	5.24
Light Literature	6428	6	3	4	400	838	1251	5177	214	253	5644	...	784	30.09
Children's Department ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	910	474	1384	1384	...	7.39
History, Travels, & Biography	5821	...	...	...	20	4	24	5797	6	120	5923	102	...	31.58
Miscellaneous	1628	...	1	...	17	37	55	1573	1	78	1652	24	...	8.81
Totals	17953	6	4	4	443	910	1367	16586	1131	1037	18754	1585	784	100.00

TABLE II.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

SHOWING THE MONTHLY ISSUE IN EACH CLASS, THE NUMBER OF DAYS THE LIBRARY WAS OPEN, THE TOTAL VOLUMES ISSUED, AND THE DAILY AVERAGE.

MONTH.	No. of Days Open.	Science and Art.	Politics and Commerce.	Natural History.	Theology and Philosophy.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, and Travel.	Miscellaneous.	Children's Library.	Total.	Daily Average of Volumes.
1894.												
October	24½	363	21	82	101	91	13074	628	609	...	14969	611
November	24	413	22	82	102	83	13515	797	628	...	15642	652
December	19½	328	20	64	121	68	11638	682	611	...	13532	694
1895.												
January	24½	357	21	64	137	107	13324	797	656	...	15463	631
February	22	367	18	60	119	90	12703	713	579	...	14649	666
March	20½	367	35	71	146	82	13667	715	655	...	15738	767
April	22	378	22	65	118	73	12359	592	563	...	14170	645
May	24½	297	14	72	124	68	11542	474	560	...	13151	537
June	6½	77	1	29	20	12	2213	86	122	...	2560	394
July	24½	269	19	57	79	68	9360	462	434	603	11351	463
August	24	307	27	56	79	78	10979	504	537	907	13474	560
September	23	350	12	43	72	74	10671	577	459	922	13180	573
Totals	259½	3873	232	745	1218	894	135045	7027	6413	2432	157879	608

TABLE III.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	No. of Vols. in Library, September, 1894.	Additions during the year.	Present Library Stock, 1895.
Arts and Sciences	2004	87	2091
Law and Politics	240	6	255
Natural History	545	18	563
Poetry and Drama	160	1	161
Theology and Philosophy	278	3	281
Light. Literature	63	...	63
History, Travels, Biography, &c.	1687	24	1711
Miscellaneous	1314	21	1335
Devonshire Library	1254	4	1258
Patent Library	2579	122*	2701
Total	10133	286	10419

Pamphlets not included in the above.

*Patents are now received singly, and only *completed* volumes are here included.

TABLE IV.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

SHOWING THE MONTHLY ISSUE IN EACH CLASS, THE NUMBER OF DAYS THE LIBRARY WAS OPEN, THE TOTAL VOLUMES ISSUED, AND THE DAILY AVERAGE.

MONTH.	No. of Days Open.	Science and Art.	Politics and Commerce.	Natural History.	Theology and Philosophy.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, and Travel.	Miscellaneous.	Patent Library.	Books for Blind.	Devonshire Library.	Total.	Daily Average of Volumes.
1894.														
October ...	27	433	17	92	119	27	66	255	246	60	...	2	1317	49
November...	26	437	15	52	71	10	16	282	375	691	...	3	1952	75
December...	21	293	12	40	35	10	48	198	231	169	...	...	1036	49
1895.														
January ..	27	365	10	70	24	16	27	224	212	137	...	2	1087	40
February ...	24	455	4	37	47	17	22	174	223	75	..	...	1054	44
March ...	22	448	9	67	55	12	36	191	231	253	...	...	1302	59
April	24	410	10	87	75	28	45	183	197	198	...	...	1233	52
May	27	298	17	89	45	15	80	188	161	268	...	5	1166	43
June	10	84	1	22	6	2	20	56	33	4	...	..	228	23
July	27	188	11	47	28	11	28	132	93	358	...	...	896	33
August ...	26	269	17	127	30	51	50	221	100	195	...	7	1067	41
September...	25	318	14	32	34	31	89	267	111	1113	...	36	2045	82
Totals ...	286	3998	137	762	569	230	527	2371	2213	3521	...	55	14383	50

TABLE V.

MISCELLANEOUS.

MONTH.	No. of New Borrowers.			No. of Cards Cancelled.	No. of Overdue Books written for.	No. of Books Re-bound.	No. of Books Repaired and Numbered.
	Males.	Females.	Children's Departmt.				
1894							
October	84	41	...	...	61	163	424
November	86	51	...	9	73	...	458
December	37	22	...	5	26	...	219
1895							
January	61	49	...	...	104	...	235
February...	81	38	...	6	15	...	246
March	55	39	...	17	37	117	578
April	54	37	...	14	64	142	232
May	46	22	...	13	100	138	163
June	13	5	...	...	...	112	1266
July	35	29	149	13	7	122	549
August	32	39	58	14	17	26	526
September	61	41	55	8	70	...	348
Totals	645	413	262	99	574	820	5244

Approximate Total No. of Borrowers' Tickets now in force ... 7,500.

TABLE VI.

Occupations of the Last Thousand of the New Borrowers.

Accountant	1
Agents and Collectors ...	8
Apprentices & Shop Assistants	61
Architects, Surveyors, and Draughtsmen	6
Bakers and Confectioners ...	4
Bank Cashiers	3
Boiler Maker	1
Bookbinders, Printers, Lithographers, & Compositors	17
Boot and Shoe Makers ...	2
Box Maker	1
Brewer...	1
Brush Makers	2
Builders, Bricklayers, and Plasterers	6
Butchers	5
Carpenters, Joiners, Cabinet Makers and Upholsterers	17
Carriage and Wagon Builders	9
Chemists and Druggists ...	6
China Workers	4
Clergymen and Ministers ...	7
Clerks and Book-keepers ...	73
Coachman	1
Commercial Travellers ...	6
Cooper...	1
Corset Maker	1
Decorators	3
Domestic Servants	18
Drapers	5
Electricians	7
Engineers, Moulders, Smiths, Fitters & Engine Drivers	50
Elastic Bandage Maker ...	1
Engraver	1
Errand and Office Boys ...	26
Factory Hands	26
Farmer	1
Gardeners and Greengrocers	3
Grocers & Provision Dealers	9
Grooms	2
Hairdressers	2
Hotel Keeper	1
Housekeepers	12
Inland Revenue Officer ...	1
Ironmongers	2
Labourers	19
Laundress	1
Locksmith	1
Managers of Works	6
Manufacturers	2
Merchants	2
Medical Practitioners ...	2
Messengers	7
Milliners and Dressmakers ...	36
Musical Instrument Dealer ...	1
Musicians	3
Naturalist	1
Nurses...	5
Packer	1
Painters and Paperhangers ...	8
Pattern Maker	1
Photographer	1
Piano Tuners	2
Plumbers and Glaziers ...	4
Porters, Attendants, and Caretakers...	10
Postmen	3
Publican	1
Railway Employés	5
Reporters	4
Rope Spinner...	1
Scholars and Students ...	160
Skinners & Leather Dressers	2
Stationers	2
Tailoresses	3
Tailors, Hatters, and Hosiers	12
Teachers and Pupil Teachers	50
Telegraphists	3
Turners and Brass Finishers	7
Waitresses	4
Warehousemen	5
Watchmaker and Jeweller ...	1
Weavers	4
Wheelwrights	2
No Occupation	205
Total	1,000

TABLE VII.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

COMPARATIVE RETURNS.

	1894.	1895.
Lending Library Replacements	522	221
New Books	755	1037
Total Books...	17953	18754
,, Issues	155827	157879
Average Daily Issue	605	608
Turnover of each Volume	8·35	8·42
Reference Library :—		
New Books	335	286
Total Books.	10133	10419
,, Issues	12753	14383
Average Daily Issue	45	50
New Borrowers	1207	1320
Total Borrowers (approximate)	7500	7500
Numbers of Works issued per Borrower ...	20·51	23·1
Cards Cancelled	101	99
Overdue Books written for	524	574
Books Rebound and Repaired	4214	6064

GENERAL DATA.

Population (estimated to June, 1895)	100,272
Rateable Value (September, 1895)	£412,051
Amount of Rate Levied	One Penny.
Amount produced by Rate	£1,640
Library Stock	29·4 PER CENT. OF POPULATION

Donations to the Library.

Art Gallery and Museum Reports from Cardiff, Leeds, Nottingham.

Ashworth, James, Esq., M.E.—A Review of the Coal Dust Question.

Alleyne, Sir John—Back numbers of "Nature" & "Engineering."

Bemrose, William, Esq., J.P.—Illustrations of China and its People. 4 vols.

Bemrose, H. Arnold, Esq., M.A., F.G.S —Pamphlets relating to the Geology and Mineralogy of Derbyshire.

Booth, Charles, Esq.—Life and Labour of the People in East London, with Appendix and Maps.

Brewster, F. Carroll, Esq.—"Disraeli in Outline."

Bridge House Estates Committee of the City of London, The—History of the Tower Bridge.

Briscoe, J. Potter, Esq.—Figaro in Chesterfield.

Browne, T. B., Ltd.—Advertisers' A B C and Press Directory for 1895.

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Cox, Arthur, Esq.—Journal of the Derbyshire Archœological Society, 1894.

Dent, Miss—Mazzarotte, or the Constellations.

Derby, The Countess of—Speeches and Addresses of Edward Henry, 15th Earl of Derby.

Donald, Miss J.—Notes on the Genus Murchisonia and its Allies.

Fisk, Francis, Esq.—Adcock's Engineers' Pocket Book; Skyring's Builders' Prices for 1895,

Harwood, James, Esq.—Three Volumes *Derby Comet.*

Iliffe, William, Esq.—Eighteenth Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for Derby, 1894.

IRISH UNIONIST ALLIANCE—Irish Unionist Alliance Publications. Vol III.

LIBRARY REPORTS from Aberdeen, Ashton-under-Lyne, Barking, Barrow-in-Furness, Battersea, Birmingham, Bootle, Bournemouth, Bradford, Brentford, Brighton, Buxton, Camberwell, Cambridge, Cardiff, Carlisle, Chelsea, Cheltenham, Chester, Clerkenwell, Clitheroe, Croydon, Doncaster, Ealing, Edinburgh, Folkestone, Fulham, Glasgow, Glasgow (Mitchell's Library), Glasgow (Baillie's Institute), Gosport, Great Yarmouth, Handsworth, Holborn, Hove, Kidderminster, Leeds, Leicester, Lewisham, Liverpool, Longton, Manchester, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Norwich, Nottingham, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Preston, Richmond (Surrey), Rochdale, Salford, Sheffield, Smethwick, Southampton, St. George's (Hanover Square), St. Giles's, St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Stafford, Streatham, Sunderland, Tynemouth, Walsall, West Bromwich, Westminster, Wigan, Willesden, Wimbledon, Wolverhampton, Worcester, York.

LIVERPOOL FREE LIBRARY—Catalogue of Books on Architecture in the Reference Department.

MASON, ERNEST, ESQ.—"Womanhood in the God-Man."

MEARS, MRS. A. GARLAND—The Story of a Trust and Tales of our Town.

PLATT, JAMES, ESQ., JUN.—Tales of the Supernatural.

PERRY AND CO., MESSRS. WALTER—Perry's Manufacturers' Directory of Great Britain and Ireland.

ROE, W. R. ESQ.—Our Deaf and Dumb. Two copies.

SECRETARY, Bristol University College—University Calendar, 1895-6.

SECRETARY, Dublin University—University Calendar, 1895; Examination Papers, 1895.

SECRETARY, Durham University—University Calendar, 1895.

SECRETARY, Glasgow and West of Scotland Technical College—College Calendar, 1895-6.

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SECRETARY, Royal Colonial Institute—Catalogue of the Library of the Royal Colonial Institute, 1895; Proceedings of the Royal Colonial Institute, 1894-5.

SECRETARY, University College of Wales, Aberystwyth—University Calendar, 1894-5.

SMITH, F. N., ESQ.—Matthew Henry's Bible (3 vols.); Bemrose's Manual of Wood Carving.

STOKES, A. H., ESQ.—Report of H.M. Inspector of Mines for Midland District (No. 8), 1895.

TACCHELLA, B., ESQ.—German Etymology.

THOMPSON AND CO., MESSRS. W. P.—Handbook of Patent Law of all Countries.

UNIVERSITY CORRESPONDENCE COLLEGE; Tutorial Series (per Messrs. W. B. Clive and Co.)—Text Book of English Literature, 1660—1798; London Matriculation Directory; Elementary Heat; Roman History; Text Book of Sound; Elementary Hydrostatics; Similar Figures and the Plane; Elementary Light; Chaucer's Canterbury Tales; English History; Tutorial French Syntax; Elementary Mechanics; The University Correspondent; Pamphlets, Leaflets, &c., &c.

UNSWORTH, REV. W.—Influence of Jesus Christ on Young Men.

VOYSEY, REV. C.—The Sling and the Stone (vol. X); Theism: or the Religion of Common Sense.

WEBSTER, MRS.—Webster's Child's Primer of the Theory of Music; Webster's Groundwork of Music.

WHITTINGHAM AND CO., MESSRS. CHAS.—The History of Reynard the Fox.

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ALSOP, A. M., ESQ.—Lead Miner's Stowse.

BATES, H. W., ESQ —Two Medals. In commemoration of the Opening of Derby Free Public Library and Museum.

BIRDS, JAMES ADEY, ESQ. (the late), Executors of—Geological and Mineralogical Collections.

BRITISH MUSEUM, Trustees of—Duplicates of Reptiles, Shells, and Insects.

GASKIN, WILLIAM, ESQ.—Portion of large Crab's Claw.

MORGAN, THOMAS, ESQ.—Fossil; Tip of Lepidendron.

SIMS, J., JUN., ESQ.—Sea Gull.

WARD, JOHN, ESQ.—Model of Pig of Lead, found at Matlock; Model of Footprint of Chirotherium.

WRIGHT, H., ESQ.—One Pound Note; Holthouse, Derbyshire.

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS.

Derby Free

Abstract of the Accounts for the

Dr. REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS

	£	s.	d.
To Joiner's, Plumber's, and Gas Fitter's Work	11	4	1
,, Locksmith's Work, and Repairing Electric Bells ...	3	16	1
,, Builder's Work	11	0	0
,, Painting Exterior of Library and Museum	37	10	0
,, Painting Librarian's and Porter's Houses...	13	0	0
,, Builder's and Plumber's Work at ditto	57	5	7
,, Heating Apparatus	12	10	0
,, Cabinet Work at Juvenile Library	39	0	2
,, Telephones for ditto	3	17	8
,, Wiring and Fittings for Electric Light (Balance) ...	21	1	8
	£210	5	3

SALARIES AND

To W. Crowther, Chief Librarian and Curator	240	0	0
,, J. A. Miller, Assistant Librarian...	71	10	0
,, W. H. Walton ,, ,, ...	91	0	0
,, E. J. Crowther ,, ,, ...	32	10	0
,, W. Lowndes ,, ,, ...	20	16	0
,, W. L. Coltman ,, ,, ...	18	17	0
,, H. M. Haywood, Committee Clerk	40	0	0
,, Porter's Wages, and Assistant Cleaners	75	1	9
,, Watson, Sowter & Co., Auditors	7	7	0
	£597	1	9

LIBRARY

To New Books (Adults' Department)				217	8	1
,, Binding and Repairing Books				147	2	3
,, Palæontographical and Harleian Society's Reports ...				2	2	0
,, Printing Post Cards and other Notices and Forms ...				23	4	11
,, Printing Fines Books				4	4	0
,, Printing Catalogues of Scientific Books				40	14	9
,, Clerical Assistance with Manuscript of ditto				35	0	0
,, New Books (Juvenile Department) ...	£59	10	5			
,, Registers and Printing Forms ditto ...	10	3	6			
,, Book Stand ditto ...	4	0	0			
,, New Desks, &c. ditto ...	15	10	0			
				89	3	11
				£558	19	11

Library, &c.

Year ending September 29th, 1895.

TO PREMISES ACCOUNT. Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Sale of Gas Fittings	6	5	0
„ Free Library Rate Account	204	0	3
	£210	5	3

WAGES ACCOUNT.

By Free Library Rate Account	597	1	9
	£597	1	9

ACCOUNT.

By Sale of Catalogues	5	12	6
„ Fines upon Readers for Detention of Books	67	10	7½
„ Fees for New Tickets and Post Cards	10	2	8
„ Lost and Damaged Books	1	9	11
„ Free Library Rate Account	474	4	2½
	£558	19	11

Dr. READING AND NEWS

	£	s.	d.
To Magazines and Periodicals	32	14	5
,, Newspapers, Illustrated Papers, &c.	60	3	5
,, Directories	4	4	0
,, Binding Patents and Newspapers	15	3	0
	£112	4	10

MUSEUM

To Specimens	12	9	6
,, Cabinet for Herbarium	5	16	0
,, Glass Bottles for Reptiles	11	18	6
,, Taxidermist's Work	19	19	0
,, Carriage of Donation	9	3	11
,, Papering Cases	2	16	4
	£62	3	3

DERBY

To Free Library Rate at One Farthing in the £, one Quarter to 25th December, 1894	410	0	0
,, Ditto, Quarter ending 25th March, 1895	410	0	0
,, Ditto, Quarter ending 24th June, 1895	410	0	0
,, Ditto, Quarter ending 29th September, 1895	410	0	0
	£1640	0	0

ROOMS ACCOUNT.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Sale of Old Newspapers, &c.	4	8	6½
,, Free Library Rate Account	107	16	3½
	£112	4	10

ACCOUNT.

By Free Library Rate Account	62	3	3
	£62	3	3

CORPORATION.

By Treasurer, Free Library Rate, granted Nov. 9th, 1894 ...	410	0	0
,, Ditto, granted February 6th, 1895	410	0	0
,, Ditto, granted May 1st, 1895	410	0	0
,, Ditto, granted August 7th, 1895	410	0	0
	£1640	0	0

Dr. ESTABLISHMENT

	£	s.	d.
To Gas	7	16	8
,, Electric Light and Meter Rent	168	14	3
,, Lamps for ditto	10	9	0
,, Water	1	13	4
,, Coal	35	14	6
,, Fire Insurance	17	12	10
,, Ironmongery	3	7	0
,, Plants, Bulbs, &c. for Garden, and Lawn Mower ...	12	10	9
,, Petty Cash Payments by Librarian	54	19	11
,, Printing Annual Reports	9	15	0
,, Various Printing and Stationery	14	17	0
,, Cleaning Windows	11	10	0
,, Property Tax and House Duty	12	6	4
,, Miscellaneous Expenses	6	3	0
,, Interest and Commission Charged by Bankers	5	3	1
,, Cheque Books	2	5	0
,, Clothing for Porter	3	12	0
,, Winding Clock	3	0	0
,, National Telephone Co. Annual Subscription	5	5	0
	£386	14	8

RATE

To Repairs and Alterations to Premises	204	0	3
,, Salaries and Wages	597	1	9
,, Library	474	4	2½
,, Reading and News Rooms...	107	16	3½
,, Museum	62	3	3
,, Establishment	386	13	8
	£1831	19	5

BALANCE

ASSETS.

To Free Library and Museum Rate Account	104	1	10
	£104	1	10

ACCOUNT. Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Derby Mechanics' Institute, Acknowledgment for Encroachment	0	1	0
,, Free Library Rate Account	386	13	8
	£386	14	8

ACCOUNT.

By Balance brought forward	87	17	7
,, Quarterly Rates granted by the Derby Corporation ...	1640	0	0
,, Balance	104	1	10
	£1831	19	5

SHEET.

LIABILITIES.

By Treasurer	104	1	10
	£104	1	10

H. M. HAYWOOD, Clerk.

We have examined the several Accounts of the Derby Free Library and Museum, for the year ending September 29th, 1895, and hereby certify that they are correct.—Dated this 22nd day of October, 1895.

WATSON, SOWTER & Co., *Auditors appointed by the Corporation.*

GEORGE FROST,
JAMES HARWOOD, } *Auditors appointed by the Burgesses.*

ALFRED BUTTERWORTH, *Auditor appointed by the Mayor.*

Derby Corporation

Abstract of the Accounts for the

Dr. WAGES

	£	s.	d.
To Wages to Attendant at Turnstile and Charwoman ...	79	16	6
,, Watson, Sowter & Co., Auditors	3	3	0
	£82	19	6

REPAIRS AND

To Builder's Work	14	0	9
,, Painting	6	0	0
	£20	0	9

COLLECTION AND CARRIAGE OF

To Collection and Carriage of Pictures, &c., and obtaining Loans	171	19	11
	£171	19	11

ESTABLISHMENT

To Fire Insurance	7	12	11
,, Gas	1	3	1
,, Electric Light and Meter Rent	38	4	6
,, Coal	4	14	0
,, Ironmongery	3	15	10
,, Advertising	2	0	0
,, Printing, Stationery, and Posting	34	19	6
,, Printing Catalogues	43	2	9
,, Hire of Piano for Concerts	6	6	0
,, Printing Programmes for ditto	3	13	6
,, Petty Cash Payments by Curator	16	17	2
,, Interest, Commission, and Cheque Books charged by Bankers	11	5	5
,, Attendant's Clothing	5	16	6
	£179	11	2

Art Gallery.

Year ending September 29th, 1895.

ACCOUNT. Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Art Gallery Account	82	19	6
	£82	19	6

ALTERATIONS ACCOUNT.

By Art Gallery Account	20	0	9
	£20	0	9

PICTURES AND LOANS ACCOUNT.

By Art Gallery Account	171	19	11
	£171	19	11

ACCOUNT.

By Advertisements in Catalogues	£25	11	0			
,, Sale of Catalogues	22	14	3			
				48	5	3
,, Art Gallery Acount				131	5	11
				£179	11	2

Dr. DERBY CORPORATION

	£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward	378	6	9
	£378	6	9

ART GALLERY

To Wages...	82	19	6
,, Repairs and Alterations	20	0	9
,, Collection and Carriage of Pictures	171	19	11
,, Establishment	131	5	11
	£406	6	1

BALANCE

ASSETS.

To Art Gallery Revenue Account	327	17	5
	£327	17	5

ACCOUNT. Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Derby Corporation, Amount owing to Banker at 29th September, 1894	378	6	9
	£378	6	9

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

BY AUTUMN EXHIBITION, 1894-5.						
Receipts at Turnstile	£21	0	3			
Commission on Pictures sold	14	10	9			
				35	11	0
,, SPRING EXHIBITION, 1895.						
Receipts at Turnstile	£21	17	2			
Commission on Pictures sold	7	12	6			
				29	9	8
,, SUMMER EXHIBITION, 1895.						
Receipts at Turnstile				13	8	0
,, Balance (deficiency)				327	17	5
				£406	6	1

SHEET.

LIABILITIES.

By Treasurer	327	17	5
	£327	17	5

H. M. HAYWOOD, CLERK.

We have examined the several Accounts of the Derby Art Gallery for the year ending 29th September, 1895, and hereby certify that they are correct.

Dated this 22nd day of October, 1895.

WATSON SOWTER & Co., *Auditors appointed by the Corporation.*

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County Borough of Derby.

Twenty-fifth Annual Report

OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE

DERBY FREE LIBRARY & MUSEUM,

BRITISH MUSEUM NATURAL HISTORY

AND FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

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PRESENTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL,

NOVEMBER 9th, 1896.

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County Borough of Derby.

TWENTY-FIFTH

Annual Report of the Committee

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AND

Fourteenth Annual Report

OF THE

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LIST OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICIALS.

LIBRARY & MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

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„ COUNCILLOR ANN, J.P.
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„ „ ELLIS.
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„ „ STONE.
„ „ SUTHERLAND.
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„ „ WRIGHT.

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„ „ J. SMITH.
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LIBRARIAN AND CURATOR.

MR. WILLIAM CROWTHER.

CLERK.

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JUNIOR ASSISTANTS.

W. LOUIS COLTMAN.
HELEN J. WHITE.

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G. W. PULLEN.

ART GALLERY ATTENDANT.

J. FOLEY.

PORTER.

GEORGE PULLEN.

County Borough of Derby.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Free Library and Museum Committee,

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1896.

THE Free Library and Museum Committee have very much pleasure in presenting to the Council their Twenty-fifth Annual Report.

The Institution was never in a more flourishing condition than at present, nor more appreciated by the ratepayers. The issues of books are considerably in advance of last year's, and although fewer new books have been added, the Library is well up to date in all important particulars. The total number of books now in the Library is 28,858. This is 315 less than last year, but over 1,200 books have been withdrawn as worn out and obsolete, a great number of which are not worth replacing. Those interested in the minuter details of the work done are referred to the tables which accompany this Report, and to the Librarian's comments upon them.

The Children's Library, which had just been started at the time of the last Report, has had a very successful year, and there are over 700 borrowers between the ages of 8 and 14 who are being supplied with suitable literature. These young folks took out upwards of 21,000 books during the year, and the success which has attended this department has fully justified its establishment.

The Committee are now able to report also on a year's work at the Arboretum Branch Reading Room. The number of visitors has been carefully recorded during six months of the year, and the attendance in those six months has reached 54,135. Averaging this for the year, the readers would number 107,257, or considerably more than the population of the Borough. So far, the experiment is an entire success, and the

provision of such a room has been highly appreciated. The cost of its maintenance will probably be about £75 a year, and this expense, and any similar ones which may be incurred, must necessarily be at the cost of the Central Library. As pointed out last year, the provision of Branch Libraries and Reading Rooms is simply one of finance, and the Committee feel that with their present income, they have gone as far as they can go without seriously impairing the usefulness of the parent establishment.

A Catalogue for the Children's Library was published early in the year, and has sold well. The Catalogue of the Scientific books in the Reference Library, the publication of which has been unavoidably delayed, is nearly ready, and will be published between now and Christmas.

The building is in a good state of repair, and the amount necessary to be spent on repairs and alterations is less than for many years past. The close of last year left the Committee with a balance of £104 against them; this has now been reduced to about £2, although there is a liability of £30 for books ordered and not received. Seeing that the equipment and first year's maintenance of the Branch Reading Room has absorbed £158, the Committee feel that the result is a satisfactory one, although the amount spent on new books has had to be considerably reduced. With no immediate special expenses that they know of, the Committee hope that this may be remedied next year.

The Committee, in closing this Report, beg to thank the numerous public bodies and individuals who have given books, newspapers, magazines, and other articles during the past year, and they once more gladly bear witness to the zeal and efficiency with which the Librarian and his staff discharge their duties.

On behalf of the Committee,

GEORGE BOTTOMLEY,

Chairman.

October 26th, 1896.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Chairman and Members of the Derby Free Library and Museum Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

I HAVE very great pleasure in laying before you my Eleventh Annual Report. The year, although presenting no special features, has been a busy one, and I believe that at no time in its history, has the Institution been more popular or more useful to the ratepayers. I have prepared for your information the usual tables, and on those a few remarks will perhaps be acceptable, not only to yourselves, but to the Council, and to the large section of the general public who take an interest in the Library, and its work.

Tables 1 and 2 deal with the Lending Department, the first with the stock, and the second with the issues. Reductions in the stock have been brought about in three ways, five volumes have been lost and paid for, ten have been destroyed because they have been in infected houses, and those who are at all nervous about the Library being a possible source of infection may be re-assured that every possible precaution is taken to prevent it. Three volumes have been totally lost through default of both borrower and guarantor, not a large number considering the vast number of books issued. The stock has been further reduced by a very large number of books withdrawn as worn out. A large number of these were the old three volume novels, to which I believe we have now finally bid farewell, and do so without regret. Those worth replacing are certain to be issued in one volume form, and our shelves are rid of an encumbrance. Against the 1,268 books withdrawn, we have only replaced at present 305. A large number will not be replaced, but about 120 are on order, and the Book Committee have another long list to go through. The new books added during the year have been 518 against 1,037 last year, but in the latter number were included 474 for the Children's Library. The amount spent on new books during the year is £173 against £276 last year, but £59 of the latter amount was incurred for the Children's Library. The total stock stands at 445 less than at the commencement of the year. Turning now to the issues, it will be noticed that there is a gross increase of

about 7,000, and an increase in the daily issue of 29, which now reaches 637, as against 438 in November, 1885, when I first entered your service. The first year of the Children's Library has been an unqualified success. The daily average for the whole year is 81, but for the month of March it was 112, and on one Monday evening, no fewer than 202 books were issued. The lowest month for issues is August, and the lowest day of the week, Wednesday. I am very glad to be able to report once again that there is little fault to be found with the way that the books are used.

Tables 3 and 4 deal with the Reference Department. Here we have increased our stock by 130 volumes, about the normal rate, for in the 286 reported last year, there were 122 volumes of Patents, none of which appear in this year's list. The daily issue is less by 9 than last year, but the fact that there were 1,000 less Patents consulted, and that there was only one course of University Extension Lectures will more than account for the slight falling off. It must be also borne in mind that now the great majority of those who use the Reference Library are students, and are not, as was formerly the case, largely mixed with those who simply come to look at picture-books.

Table 5 gives miscellaneous information. From it we learn that the new borrowers during the year reached 1,350, of whom 468 were children. The sexes are pretty equally divided, and Table 6 shows in a classified form the occupations of the last thousand. The same thousand borrowers reside in the wards shown in the following Table, the reading population varying little from former years in its distribution.

WARD.	Per Thousand.	
	Actual Number of Borrowers.	Number to be expected according to Population.
Arboretum..	123	168
Babington	163	122
Becket	246	198
Castle	59	115
Derwent	59	64
Friar Gate..	122	113
King's Mead	120	145
Litchurch	108	75

649 over-due books had to be written for, and a proof of the popularity of the bespoken system is to be found in the fact that 1,175 books were bespoken. 2,760 books passed through the binders' hands for greater or

less reason, of which at least 2,300 were done on our own premises. Table 7 simply gives general results summarised in such a form that the year's work can be easily compared with that of its predecessor.

The attendance in the Newsrooms shows no falling off, and although on the first opening of the Arboretum Branch some little difference was noticed, they are now fuller than ever. The average attendance at the Arboretum Branch has been 345 daily, that at the central Reading Rooms, at least four times the number. The behaviour of those who visit all the Reading Rooms leaves little to be complained of, and the petty pilfering I have often had to deplore has been all but absent during the year.

Work in the Museum has progressed slowly and steadily. The sub-committee having charge of the re-arrangement has met weekly during the year, and their time has been principally devoted to the Invertebrates. They have carefully gone over all the specimens that existed in the Museum, have got rid of the imperfect and worthless, and have prepared a list of typical specimens to be obtained in the various classes. Some of these have already been obtained, others are on order, and in the course of a few months they will be available for the public. An important purchase of British Land and Freshwater Shells was made from the collection of the late Mr. Hagger, of Repton, and with the specimens already in stock, a tolerably complete case has been prepared, and these have been arranged and labelled, spaces being left for the species we do not possess. The Rev. Canon Carr, of Holbrook, has enriched the Museum by the presentation of a cabinet of Lichens and Mosses.

The Annual Conference of the Library Association was held this year at Buxton, and in addition to attending it as the representative of this Institution, I was asked to perform the duties of Local Secretary. The meetings were exceedingly useful to those employed in Library work. I had the honour of being elected a member of the Council for the sixth year in succession, and have since been elected President of the North Midland Branch, which embraces the counties of Derby, Nottingham, Leicester, Lincoln, and parts of Yorkshire and Northants.

An important change in our staff has taken place this year through the resignation of Miss Miller, who for very many years occupied an important post in the Library, discharging its duties in a manner highly creditable to herself and acceptable to the public. Her departure necessitated a general re-arrangement of duties, but the other members of the staff have done their best to meet the circumstances, and I have no reason to believe that the interests of the Library or of the public will suffer. Of the zeal of the whole of the staff in your service I have spoken before in

terms of high praise, and there has been nothing during the past year to alter my good opinion of them.

My own labours have been made lighter and pleasanter by your ready acquiescence in whatever suggestions I have made for the better carrying on of the work of the Institution, and I cannot do less than express to you my sincere obligations, while the Library and the Institution as a whole, as well as the officers, owe much to the local press for their ready co-operation and help.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

WILLIAM CROWTHER,

Librarian and Curator.

October 26th, 1896.

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Corporation Art Gallery Committee.

THE Art Gallery Committee have much pleasure in presenting their Fourteenth Annual Report to the Town Council. As usual, a comparative table of the visitors for the last three years is given below.

	1893-94	1894-95	1895-96
Visitors to Autumn Exhibition ..	20300	17747	17707
,, Spring ,, ...	20840	18070	17300
,, Summer ,, ...	13156	11980	12150
Total Visitors	54296	47797	47157
Total Days Open by Payment	164	160	164
,, ,, Free	86	89	87
Total Days Open ..	250	249	251
Average on Paying Days	83	68	62
,, Free Days	473	415	425

There is nothing special to remark with respect to these figures, except that the number of visitors on the free days slowly increases, while that on the paying days as slowly diminishes. The total number of visitors to the Gallery since its opening is now 533,649.

The deficit to be paid by the Council is about £10 more than last year. The pictures sold at the Exhibitions totalled the catalogue value of £373 11s. 0d., being £132 less than last year, but the result is perhaps as good as can be expected, and is considerably better than that of many larger towns. The Art Union realised £87 9s. 0d., £12 more than in 1895.

Every effort has been made to keep up the standard of the pictures exhibited, and the Committee believe that end has been attained. The Autumn and Spring Exhibitions reached a high level of merit, and the Hanging Committee had a much larger number of pictures submitted than they could place, a gratifying proof of the rising estimation in which the gallery is held by artists generally. The Summer Exhibition consisted of Photographs, and the pictures exhibited were both interesting and of

good workmanship. The usual medals were offered, and some of the best artists in the country sent works for competition. In connection with this exhibition, the best thanks of the Committee are due to Mr. A. B. Hamilton, and to Mr. Councillor Winter for the medals they kindly gave to local photographers. Some excellent work was exhibited, but the Committee would have been glad to have had more exhibitors.

The Autumn Exhibition now open, is equal to any of its predecessors, and seems likely to be popular with the public, for above three thousand visitors passed the turnstiles during the first fortnight.

The four cases of Art objects lent by the Science and Art Department were renewed in May last, and the Committee desire to acknowledge the courtesy of the officials at South Kensington, and their anxiety to lend objects which are of practical use to the Art industries of the town and neighbourhood. Other objects of interest have been lent by various persons during the year, to whom the thanks of the Committee are cordially due.

The fine collection of old Derby China belonging to the Gallery has been a greater attraction than ever during the past year, and more collectors brought specimens for comparison and identification than at any previous period. The debt of gratitude due to the generous donors of this collection is increasing, and the Committee are glad to know that their generosity is being so thoroughly appreciated.

The Saturday Concerts organised by the Curator reached their eleventh season during last winter. They have done much to popularise the gallery, and the Committee desire again to place on record their thanks to the host of friends, both amateur and professional, who have gratuitously given their services.

The warmest thanks of the Committee and the Council are due to Mr. Councillor Edgar Horne, who has this day presented to the Gallery a valuable Kirkman Concert Grand Pianoforte.

The building is in good repair, and some alterations in the heating apparatus, effected at slight cost, have made the entrance hall and Galleries much more comfortable during cold weather.

The Committee have once more pleasure in testifying to the well directed efforts of the Curator for the benefit of the Gallery, and to the energy and tact with which he discharges his duties.

On behalf of the Committee,

WILLIAM BEMROSE,

Chairman.

October 26th, 1896.

Statistical Tables.

TABLE 1.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	1 Number of Volumes in Library, September, 1895.	2 Volumes lost and paid for.	3 Vols. from Infected Houses Destroyed.	4 Volumes Totally Lost.	5 Volumes Withdrawn as worn out.	6 Total.	Stock reduced as per Column 6.	Number of Books Replaced.	Number of New Books.	Present Library Stock, 1896.	Total Increase.	Total Decrease.	Percentage of Books in each Class.
Arts and Sciences	1834	1	1	...	2	4	1830	...	39	1869	35	..	10·20
Law and Politics	265	...	...	...	...	. .	265	1	7	273	8	...	1·50
Natural History	431	...	...	...	.	...	431	...	18	449	18	...	2·45
Poetry and Drama	638	...	...	...	1	1	637	...	4	641	3	...	3·50
Theology and Philosophy ...	983	..	...	...	...	...	983	...	38	1021	38	...	5·58
Light Literature	5644	4	7	3	1140	1154	4490	299	213	5002	.	642	27·32
Children's Department	1384	...	1	...	67	68	1316	2	29	1347	...	37	7·36
History, Travels, and Biography	5923	...	...	...	1	1	5922	3	119	6044	121	...	33·01
Miscellaneous	1652		1	.	39	40	1612	...	51	1663	11	...	9·08
Totals	18754	5	10	3	1250	1268	17486	305	518	18309	234	679	100·00

TABLE II.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

Showing the Monthly Issue in each Class, the Number of Days the Library was open, the Total Volumes Issued, and the Daily Average.

MONTH.	Number of Days Open.	Science and Art.	Politics and Commerce.	Natural History.	Theology and Philosophy.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, and Travel.	Miscellaneous.	Children's Library.	Total.	Daily Average of Volumes.
1895												
October	24½	383	27	66	70	69	11460	620	503	1506	14704	600
November ...	24	398	24	56	119	73	12446	715	630	1819	16280	678
December ...	18½	315	17	37	73	69	10019	512	509	2101	13652	738
1896												
January ...	24½	481	25	74	102	115	12017	663	673	2443	16593	677
February ...	23	447	30	60	78	103	11833	641	664	2362	16218	705
March	20½	386	11	83	82	92	11287	613	602	2523	15679	765
April	21½	319	13	89	87	73	11012	479	568	2072	14712	684
May	22½	287	6	83	72	71	10691	482	538	1889	14119	627
June	8½	78	4	25	23	23	2898	144	129	509	3833	451
July	24½	224	3	55	79	82	9722	478	457	1402	12502	510
August	23	281	12	53	72	65	10025	440	497	1278	12723	553
September ...	23½	389	9	52	87	95	10620	531	514	1364	13661	581
Totals ..	258½	3988	181	733	944	930	124030	6318	6284	21268	164676	637

TABLE III.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	No. of Vols. in Library, September, 1895.	Additions during the year.	Present Library Stock 1896.
Arts and Sciences	2091	44	2135
Law and Politics	255	13	268
Natural History...	563	22	585
Poetry and Drama	161	1	162
Theology and Philosophy	281	1	282
Light Literature	63	. .	63
History, Travels, Biography, &c.	1711	24	1735
Miscellaneous	1335	19	1354
Devonshire Library	1258	6	1264
Patent Library	2701	...	2701*
Total	10419	130	10549

Pamphlets not included in the above. *Patents are now received singly, and only *completed* volumes are here included.

TABLE IV.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Showing the Monthly Issue in each Class, the number of Days the Library was open, the Total Volumes issued, and the Daily Average.

MONTH.	Number of Days Open.	Science and Art.	Politics and Commerce.	Natural History.	Theology and Philosophy.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, and Travel.	Miscellaneous.	Patent Library.	Books for Blind.	Devonshire Library.	Total.	Daily Average of Volumes.
1895														
October ...	26	284	8	46	14	29	66	337	76	46	...	...	906	35
November ...	26	259	8	72	28	37	67	306	149	20	...	...	946	36
December ...	19½	168	10	32	28	25	57	149	83	58	..	...	610	31
1896														
January .	27	277	3	67	20	35	46	231	112	518	...	3	1312	49
February ...	25	296	43	79	10	40	68	268	26	1061	14	...	2005	80
March .	22	303	10	66	15	33	47	309	100	84	...	.	967	44
April	24	240	12	46	29	23	78	130	74	184	...	...	816	34
May	24	184	6	72	58	18	20	137	45	231	...	5	776	32
June	14	136	...	23	42	16	23	73	40	86	...	...	439	31
July	27	257	45	64	47	37	35	220	54	117	...	103	979	36
August ...	25	221	14	49	62	32	36	212	65	46	...	16	753	30
September ...	26	358	29	58	57	83	51	275	159	143	...	92	1305	50
Totals . .	285½	2983	188	674	410	408	594	2647	1083	2594	14	219	11814	41

TABLE V.

MISCELLANEOUS.

MONTH.	Number of New Borrowers.			Number of Cards Cancelled	Number of Overdue Books written for.	Number of Books Rebound	Number of Books Repaired and Numbered.
	Males.	Females.	Children's Departm't				
1895							
October	65	48	67	14	61	...	81
November	55	56	140	10	63	...	98
December	27	23	31	2	39	48	253
1896							
January	47	36	66	12	112	...	298
February	49	48	41	12	24	97	136
March	42	43	35	7	38	114	131
April	29	25	26	8	85	195	201
May	27	22	16	5	61	...	402
June	13	10	3	35	...	74	262
July...	33	26	17	11	28	...	52
August	41	37	12	17	68	18	129
September	41	39	14	18	70	22	149
Totals	469	413	468	151	649	568	2192

Approximate Total Number of Borrowers' Tickets now in force ... 7.500.

TABLE VI.

Occupations of the Last Thousand of the New Borrowers.

Actor	1
Agents and Collectors ...	14
Apprentices and Shop Assistants	74
Architects, Surveyors, and Draughtsmen	9
Army Pensioner	1
Artist	1
Bakers and Confectioners ...	8
Boiler Makers	4
Bookbinders, Printers, Lithographers, and Compositors	17
Boot and Shoe Makers ...	3
Box Makers	2
Brewers	2
Builders, Bricklayers, and Plasterers	3
Butchers ...	3
Carpenters, Joiners, and Cabinet makers	13
Carriage and Wagon Builders	9
Carters	3
Chemists and Druggists ...	5
China Workers	5
Clergymen and Ministers ...	6
Clerks and Book-keepers ...	70
Commercial Travellers ...	5
Cooper	1
Corset Maker...	1
Decorator	1
Domestic Servants	12
Drapers	4
Electricians	6
Engineers, Moulders, Smiths, Fitters, and Engine Drivers	52
Elastic Bandage Maker ...	1
Errand and Office Boys ...	31
Evangelist	1
Factory Hands	39
Farmers	2
Fishing Line Maker	1
Gardeners and Greengrocers	2
Grocers	6
Grooms	2
Hairdressers	4
Harness Makers	2
Housekeepers	7
Inland Revenue Officer ...	1
Journalists	3
Labourers	11
Laundresses	3
Locksmiths	2
Maltster	1
Managers of Works	2
Merchants	1
Medical Practitioners ..	2
Messenger	1
Milliners and Dressmakers ...	36
Millwrights	2
Model Maker	1
Musical Instrument Dealer ...	1
Musician	1
Nurses	6
Painters and Paper-hangers	9
Pattern Maker	1
Photographer	1
Piano Tuner	1
Picture Framer	1
Plumbers and Glaziers ...	4
Police Constables	2
Porters and Caretakers ...	9
Postman	1
Railway Employés	9
Reporters	2
Rope Spinner...	1
Sailor	1
Scholars and Students	128
Skinners and Leather Dressers	2
Stationer	1
Stone Masons	2
Tailoresses	5
Tailors, Hatters, and Hosiers	8
Teachers and Pupil Teachers	51
Telegraphists	4
Tobacconists	2
Turners and Brass Finishers	7
Waitress	1
Warehousemen	3
Watchmakers and Jewellers	1
Weavers	4
Wheelwright	1
No Occupation	231
Total ...	1,000

TABLE VII.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

COMPARATIVE RETURNS.

	1895	1896
Lending Library Replacements	221	305
New Books	1037	518
Total Books	18754	18309
,, Issues	157879	164676
Average Daily Issue	608	637
Turnover of each Volume	8·42	8·99
Reference Library:—		
New Books	286	130
Total Books	10419	10549
,, Issues	14383	11814
Average Daily Issue	50	41
New Borrowers	1320	1350
Total Borrowers (approximate)	7500	7500
Number of Works issued per Borrower	23·1	23·5
Cards Cancelled	99	151
Overdue Books written for	574	649
Books Re-bound and Repaired	6064	2760

GENERAL DATA.

Population (estimated to June, 1896)	101,770
Rateable Value (September, 1896)	£421,134
Amount of Rate Levied	One Penny.
Amount produced by Rate	£1,700
Library Stock	28·3 PER CENT. OF POPULATION.

DONATIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

AGENT-GENERAL FOR NATAL—The Colony of Natal: An Official Handbook and Railway Guide.

AGENT-GENERAL FOR NEW SOUTH WALES—The Wealth and Progress of New South Wales.

AGENT-GENERAL FOR NEW ZEALAND—Christmas Numbers of the "Canterbury Times" and "New Zealand Weekly Press."

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM—Reports from Cardiff, Leeds, Nottingham, Horniman Museum.

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BELFAST (Linen Hall Library)—Catalogue of Books.

BLACKMAN VENTILATING CO.—Ventilating and Drying in Laundries under the New Act (two copies).

BROWNE, MESSRS. T. B., LTD.—Advertisers' A. B. C. and Press Directory for 1896.

CADBURY, RICHARD, ESQ.—Cocoa: All about it.

CARROLL, LEWIS, ESQ.—Symbolic Logic.

CHAMPNESS, MESSRS. & CO.—The Insurance Blue Book and Guide for 1895-6.

CURRIE, MESSRS. DONALD & CO.—Tantallon Castle: The Story of the Ship and the Castle.

CUST, ROBERT N., ESQ.—Clouds on the Horizon; Linguistic and Oriental Essays.

DAY, CHARLES A., ESQ.—Complete Handbook of British, Colonial, and Foreign Patents, Trade Marks, and Designs.

DUNDEE FREE LIBRARY.—Catalogue of the Lochee Branch Library.

ELLIOT STOCK, MESSRS.—Sin and Redemption.

EXECUTORS OF THE LATE LADY BURTON.—Life of Sir Richard F. Burton.

FISK, FRANCIS, ESQ.—Adcock's Engineers' Pocket Book; Skyring's Builders' Price Book for 1896.

FRENCH, A. D. WELD, ESQ.—County Records.

GIBSON, MISS LOUISA.—1st, 2nd, and 3rd Books on the Theory of Music.

GUINNESS, REV. H. GRATTAN, D.D.—Creation Centred in Christ.

HILL, MESSRS. WALTER & CO.—The Holidays, 1896; Where to Stay and What to See.

HOLMAN, T. ESQ., R.N.—Life in the Royal Navy; Salt Yarns.

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JESSOP, CHARLES MOORE, ESQ.—Past and Future.

LIBRARY REPORTS from Aberdeen, Ashton-under-Lyne, Aston, Battersea, Belfast, Birmingham, Birkenhead, Bishopsgate Institute, Blackburn, Blackpool, Bolton, Bootle, Bournemouth, Brentford, Brighton, Bristol, Buxton, Camberwell (Minet Library), Cambridge, Cardiff, Carlisle, Chelsea, Cheltenham, Chester, Clapham, Clerkenwell, Cork, Croydon, Darley Dale (Whitworth Institute), Doncaster, Ealing, Folkestone, Fulham, Glasgow, Glasgow (Baillie's Institution), Gosport, Great Yarmouth, Halifax, Hammersmith, Handsworth, Hove, Hyde, Kidderminster, Kilburn, Kingston-upon-Hull, Leeds, Leek, Leicester, Lewisham, Leyton, Lincoln, Liverpool, Longton, Manchester, Norwich, Nottingham, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Preston, Reading, Richmond (Surrey), Rochdale, Salford, Sheffield, Smethwick, Southampton, St. George's (Hanover Square), St Giles's, St. Helen's, St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, St. Marylebone, St. Saviour's, Southwark, Stafford, Streatham, Tynemouth, Walsall, West Bromwich, West Ham, West Hartlepool, Westminster, Whitechapel, Wigan, Willesden, Wolverhampton, York.

LYSTER, THOMAS W., ESQ., M.A.—Select Poetry for Young Students.

MATHER & CROWTHER, MESSRS.—Practical Advertising.

MEUX, LADY—The Life and Exploits of Alexander the Great.

PATON, J., ESQ.—British History and Papal Claims.

PRESTON, SIDNEY H., ESQ.—Unclaimed Money.

ROBINSON, MR.—Three Copies of Robinson's News Letter (Derby, May 31, June 7—14, 1872).

SECRETARY Board of Trade—Report by the Chief Labour Correspondent on the Strikes and Lock-outs of 1894.

SECRETARY Brewers' Exhibition—Official Catalogue of the 1895 Brewers and Allied Traders Annual Exhibition.

SECRETARY Co-operative Union, Ltd.—Report of the 28th Annual Co-operative Congress, 1896.

SECRETARY Dublin University—University Calendar. 1895; Examina-Papers, 1895.

SECRETARY Glasgow and West of Scotland Technical College—Calendar, 1896-7.

SECRETARY Institute of Civil Engineers—Charter Bye-Laws and List of Members of the Institute of Civil Engineers, 1895 and 1896.

SECRETARY, Iron and Steel Institute—Journal of the Iron and Steel Institute; Rules and List of Members for 1895-6.

SECRETARY, National Association for the Promotion of Technical and Secondary Education—8th Annual Report.

SECRETARY, Ontario Government Agency—City of Hamilton; The Birmingham of Canada.

SECRETARY, Queen's College, Belfast—Calendar 1896-7.

SECRETARY, Royal Colonial Institute—Proceedings of the Royal Colonial Institute—Vol. XXVII., 1895-6.

SECRETARY of State for India—India Office—Library Catalogue.

STUBBS'S PUBLISHING Co.—Mercantile Directory for 1895-6.

UNIVERSITY CORRESPONDENCE COLLEGE—Tutorial Series (per Messrs. W. B. Clive and Co.)—History of Rome; History of Greece; First Stage Mechanics; University Correspondent, Volume V.; Matriculation Directory, 1896; Preceptors French Reader; Tutorial French Accidence; Preceptors Mechanics; A Manual of Logic, Intermediate Alegebra; English Literature to 1580; A History of Greece; Pamphlets, Leaflets, &c., &c.

VOYSEY, REV. CHAS. B.A.—The Testimony of the Four Gospels concerning Jesus Christ; Theism as a Science.

WILSON, W. & SONS—Directory of Lancashire, Cheshire, and Derbyshire.

WISE, W. LLOYD, ESQ.—Gleanings from Patent Laws of all Countries.

DONATIONS TO THE MUSEUM.

BINNS, G., ESQ.—Specimens of Kauri Gum from New Zealand.

CARR, REV. CANON, Holbrook—Cabinet of Lichens and Mosses.

CARRINGTON, A., ESQ.—Roman Quern.

DIVETT, MRS.—Specimens of Lignite.

HARMSWORTH, ALFRED, ESQ.—Geological Specimens from Franz-Joseph Land.

WARD, JOHN, ESQ.—Casts of Stone Axe-heads.

Abstract of Accounts.

Derby Free

ABSTRACT OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE

Dr. REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS

	£	s.	d.
To Joiner's, Plumber's, and Gas Fitter's Work	16	9	8
,, Locksmith's Work, and Repairing Electric Bells ...	2	8	1
,, Cabinet Work at Juvenile Library...	8	19	6
	£27	17	3

SALARIES AND

To W. Crowther, Chief Librarian and Curator	240	0	0
,, W. H. Walton, Assistant Librarian	91	0	0
,, E. J. Crowther ,, ,, ...	38	0	0
,, W. L. Coltman ,, ,, ...	24	1	0
,, L. Goodwin ,, ,, ...	6	14	6
,, G. W. Pullen ,, ,, ...	3	18	0
,, H. White ,, ,, ...	2	10	0
,, J. A. Miller, Ex-Assistant Librarian	54	2	6
,, W. Lowndes ,, ,, ...	7	6	0
,, C. Lane ,, ,, ...	8	9	4
,, H. M. Haywood, Committee Clerk	40	0	0
,, Porter's Wages and Assistant Cleaners . .	76	9	0
,, Watson, Sowter & Co , Auditors	7	7	0
	£599	17	4

LIBRARY

To New Books (Adults' Department)	173	7	8
,, Binding and Repairing Books	128	0	2
,, Palæontographical and Harleian Society's Reports ...	2	2	0
,, Printing Post Cards and other Notices and Forms ...	18	2	6
,, Printing Fines Books	4	17	6
,, Printing Catalogues of Juvenile Library	7	14	6
,, Clerical Assistance with Scientific Catalogue	8	0	0
,, Binding Magazines	15	2	10
,, Binding Materials	2	2	0
,, Tickets and Slides for Indicator	7	13	0
	£367	2	2

Library, &c.

YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 29, 1896.

TO PREMISES ACCOUNT. Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Free Library Rate Account	27	17	3
	£27	17	3

WAGES ACCOUNT.

By Free Library Rate Account	599	17	4
	£599	17	4

ACCOUNT.

By Sale of Catalogues	9	15	8
,, Fines upon Readers for Detention of Books	67	4	8
,, Fees for New Tickets and Post Cards	12	16	3
,, Lost and Damaged Books	1	9	0
,, Free Library Rate Account	275	16	7
	£367	2	2

Dr. READING AND NEWS

	£	s.	d.
To Magazines and Periodicals	32	15	5
,, Newspapers, Illustrated Papers, &c.	58	9	3
,, Directories	9	2	10
,, Covers for Magazines	6	13	8
,, Cork Carpet	27	6	6
	£134	7	8

MUSEUM

	£	s.	d.
To Specimens	15	7	3
,, Bird Stands	2	14	2
,, Fittings for Cases	8	15	11
	£26	17	4

ARBORETUM

				£	s.	d.
To Caretaker's Salary				10	0	0
,, Rent of Premises				10	0	0
,, Gas (three quarters)...				6	2	8
,, Coal				6	15	6
,, Newspapers, Magazines, &c.				24	7	5
,, Covers for Magazines	£5	8	2			
,, Newspaper Stands and Fittings	24	19	10			
,, Builder's, Painter's, and Plumber's Work	51	3	1			
,, Repairing Lamps	7	5	1			
,, Notice Board and Lettering	3	2	0			
				91	18	2
,, National Telephone Co., Annual Subscription				5	0	0
,, Miscellaneous Payments				4	1	0
				£158	4	9

DERBY

	£	s.	d.
To Free Library Rate at One Farthing in the £, one Quarter to 25th December, 1895	425	0	0
,, Ditto, Quarter ending 25th March, 1896	425	0	0
,, Ditto, Quarter ending 24th June, 1896	425	0	0
,, Ditto, Quarter ending 29th September, 1896	425	0	0
	£1700	0	0

ROOMS ACCOUNT.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Sale of Old Newspapers, &c.	4	14	0
,, Free Library Rate Account...	129	13	8
	£134	7	8

ACCOUNT.

By Free Library Rate Account	26	17	4
	£26	17	4

BRANCH ACCOUNT.

By Free Library Rate Account	158	4	9
	£158	4	9

CORPORATION.

By Treasurer, Free Library Rate granted Nov. 9th, 1895 ..	425	0	0
,, Ditto, granted February 5th, 1896	425	0	0
,, Ditto, granted May 6th, 1896	425	0	0
,, Ditto, granted August 5th, 1896	425	0	0
	£1700	0	0

Dr. **ESTABLISHMENT**

	£	s.	d.
To Gas	7	16	11
,, Electric Light and Meter Rent	171	6	0
,, Lamps for ditto	10	16	1
,, Water	1	13	4
,, Coal	32	8	8
,, Fire Insurance	17	12	10
,, Ironmongery	2	11	2
,, Plants, Bulbs, &c., for Garden	8	14	4
,, Petty Cash Payments by Librarian	40	3	11
,, Printing Annual Reports	10	0	0
,, Various Printing and Stationery	13	10	2
,, Cleaning Windows	12	0	0
,, Property Tax and House Duty	12	6	4
,, Charges in Appeal *re* Property Tax	10	0	0
,, Miscellaneous Expenses	4	10	11
,, Interest and Commission Charged by Bankers	11	15	2
,, Clothing for Porter	3	18	6
,, Winding Clock	3	0	0
,, National Telephone Co. Annual Subscription	5	5	0
	£379	9	4

RATE

To Balance brought forward	104	1	10
,, Repairs and Alterations to Premises	27	17	3
,, Salaries and Wages	599	17	4
,, Library	275	16	7
,, Reading and News Rooms	129	13	8
,, Museum	26	17	4
,, Arboretum Branch (including Fittings)	158	4	9
,, Establishment	379	8	4
	£1701	17	1

BALANCE

ASSETS.

To Free Library and Museum Rate Account	1	17	1*
	£1	17	1

*NOTE.—Books on Order £30.

ACCOUNT. Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Derby Mechanics' Institute, Acknowledgment for Encroachment	0	1	0
,, Free Library Rate Account	379	8	4
	£379	9	4

ACCOUNT.

By Quarterly Rates granted by the Derby Corporation .	1700	0	0
,, Balance	1	17	1
	£1701	17	1

SHEET.

LIABILITIES.

By Treasurer	1	17	1
	£1	17	1

H. M. HAYWOOD, CLERK.

We have examined the several Accounts of the Derby Free Library and Museum, for the year ending September 29th, 1896, and hereby certify that they are correct.—Dated this 24th day of October, 1896.

WATSON, SOWTER & Co., A.C.A., *Auditors appointed by the Corporation.*

GEORGE FROST,
JAMES HARWOOD, } *Auditors appointed by the Burgesses.*

GEORGE SUTHERLAND, *Auditor appointed by the Mayor.*

Derby Corporation

ABSTRACT OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE

Dr.

WAGES

	£	s.	d.
To Wages to Attendant at Turnstile and Charwoman	81	1	6
,, Watson, Sowter & Co., Auditors	3	3	0
	£84	4	6

REPAIRS AND

To Repairs to Heating Apparatus and New Radiator ...	21	4	6
,, Joiner's Work	1	6	6
	£22	11	0

COLLECTION AND CARRIAGE OF

To Collection and Carriage of Pictures, &c., and obtaining Loans	152	6	4
	£152	6	4

ESTABLISHMENT

To Fire Insurance	4	12	5
,, Gas	1	5	8
,, Electric Light and Meter Rent	40	13	6
,, Coal	4	10	5
,, Ironmongery	4	13	5
,, Advertising	1	5	0
,, Printing, Stationery, and Posting	38	11	7
,, Printing Catalogues	38	19	3
,, Hire of Piano for Concerts	5	5	0
,, Printing Programmes for ditto	2	18	6
,, Petty Cash Payments by Curator	19	15	5
,, Interest, Commission, and Cheque Books charged by Bankers	9	0	4
,, Attendant's Clothing	5	16	6
	£177	7	0

Art Gallery.

YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 29, 1896.

ACCOUNT.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Art Gallery Account	84	4	6
	£84	4	6

ALTERATIONS ACCOUNT.

By Art Gallery Account	22	11	0
	£22	11	0

PICTURES AND LOANS ACCOUNT.

By Art Gallery Account	152	6	4
	£152	6	4

ACCOUNT.

By Advertisements in Catalogues	£22	13	0			
,, Sale of Catalogues	19	18	7			
				42	11	7
,, Art Gallery Account				134	15	5
				£177	7	0

Dr.

MEDAL COMPETITION

	£	s.	d.
To Medals, Cases, and Engraving	15	12	6
	£15	12	6

DERBY CORPORATION

To Balance brought forward	327	17	5
	£327	17	5

ART GALLERY

To Wages	84	4	6
,, Repairs and Alterations	22	11	0
,, Collection and Carriage of Pictures	152	6	4
,, Establishment	134	15	5
,, Medal Competition	14	9	3
	£408	6	6

BALANCE

Assets.

To Art Gallery Revenue Account	337	18	6
	£337	18	6

ACCOUNT.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Subscriptions for Medals	1	3	3
,, Art Gallery Account	14	9	3
	£15	12	6

ACCOUNT.

By Derby Corporation, Amount owing to Banker at 29th September, 1895	327	17	5
	£327	17	5

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

By Autumn Exhibition, 1895-6.						
Receipts at Turnstile	£17	16	0			
Commission on Pictures sold ...	13	7	3			
				31	3	3
,, Spring Exhibition, 1896.						
Receipts at Turnstile	£21	17	6			
Commission on Pictures sold ...	5	2	0			
				26	19	6
,, Summer Exhibition, 1896.						
Receipts at Turnstile				12	5	3
,, Balance (deficiency)				337	18	6
				£408	6	6

SHEET.

Liabilities.

By Treasurer	337	18	6
	£337	18	6

H. M. HAYWOOD, Clerk.

We have examined the several Accounts of the Derby Art Gallery for the year ending 29th September, 1896, and hereby certify that they are correct.

Dated this 24th day of October, 1896.

WATSON SOWTER & Co., A.C.A., *Auditors appointed by the Corporation.*

GEORGE FROST, JAMES HARWOOD, } *Auditors appointed by the Burgesses.*

GEORGE SUTHERLAND, *Auditor appointed by the Mayor.*

J. W. SIMPSON, PRINTER, ALBERT STREET, DERBY.

PRESENTED
1 SEP.1915
BRITISH MUSEUM
NATURAL HISTORY

County Borough of Derby.

Twenty-Sixth Annual Report

OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE

DERBY FREE LIBRARY & MUSEUM.

BRITISH MUSEUM NATURAL HISTORY

AND FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

ART GALLERY COMMITTEE.

PRESENTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL,

NOVEMBER 9th, 1897.

Derby: H. W. Squirrell, Printer, 42, Green Lane.

County Borough of Derby.

TWENTY-SIXTH

Annual Report of the Committee

OF THE

DERBY FREE LIBRARY

AND

MUSEUM,

AND

Fifteenth Annual Report

OF THE

Art Gallery Committee,

PRESENTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL,

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TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Free Library and Museum Committee.

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1897.

THE Free Library and Museum Committee have pleasure in laying before the Town Council their Twenty-sixth Annual Report.

They are glad to report that the Institution of which they have charge is in a prosperous condition. The Library now contains 30,184 volumes, an increase of 1,326 over last year's return. The issues are slightly less, but this, and all other matters of detail are fully discussed in the accompanying Report from the Librarian, to which, with the tables appended, all interested in the details of the work done, are referred.

The Children's Library retains its popularity, and is doing good work, although the novelty has somewhat worn off, and the Committee are more than ever convinced that the step they took in establishing it was a wise one.

The second year's work at the Arboretum Branch Reading Room is also very encouraging. The attendances were counted during the months of December, March, June, and September, and reached the total of 37,829. This gives for the year at the same rate, a total of 113,487, as compared with 107,257 last year. The cost of its maintenance has been kept well within the Committee's estimate.

The Catalogue of the Scientific works in the Reference Library has been published during the year, and also a small new edition of the books in the Devonshire Library, bringing it up to date. The

gradual republication of the Catalogue in classes is being proceeded with; the Fiction division is nearly ready for the printer, and the third division which is to consist of History, Biography and Travel, is in progress.

The re-arrangement of the Museum is steadily progressing, and the Committee which has the work in hand has done a good year's work, principally among the Invertebrates. Further details respecting the Museum will be found in the Curator's Report.

The building is in a good state of repair, and the amount spent on keeping it so has been again comparatively a small one. With no special expenses during the year, the Committee have been able to go back to the usual amount spent on the Library proper, and they see no reason why this amount should not be further increased during the coming year, as there seems to be no probability of any special outlay.

The Committee note with very great regret, the death of Mr. William Hobson, J.P. for twenty-three years Chairman of this Institution. At their meeting on October 30th, 1893, when they received his resignation, they placed on record their conviction that "His unremitting attention to the interests of the Institution has done much to place it in its present prosperous condition." In his retirement its welfare occupied much of his thoughts, and the remembrance of the work he had done in connection with it was always a source of keen pleasure to him.

It is the duty of the Committee in closing this Report to thank the numerous donors of books, newspapers, magazines, and Museum specimens for their gifts during the past year, and they desire further to place on record their high opinion of the way in which the Librarian and all his staff perform their duties.

On behalf of the Committee,

GEORGE BOTTOMLEY,

Chairman.

October, 28th, 1897.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Chairman and Members of the Derby Free Public Library and Museum Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

I have much pleasure in laying before you my Twelfth Annual Report and with it the usual tables showing the inner working of the Library. On these I may with propriety make a few explanatory remarks, which I hope will be of interest both to you and to the large section of the general public who use the Library.

Table 1 deals with the Lending Library stock, which is now larger than ever before, the total number of books being 19,337, about a thousand more than last year. 631 new books have been added, and the replacements, which include books worn out during this year and last, number 806. The number of worn-out books for the current year is only 394, and all of these of any value have been replaced. Nine volumes have been lost and paid for, two coming from infected houses have been destroyed, and four have been totally lost through default of borrower and guarantor. About £100 more than last year has been spent on the Library, and the Book Committee have been able to keep it thoroughly up to date. Table 2 deals with the issues, and here it will be noticed that we are about 9000 lower than last year in the gross, and 32 lower in daily average. I find that this is the case in other towns as well, and

there are probably several reasons which might be given in accounting for it, but the principal one in my opinion, is the fact that the past year has been a good one for business. Most of the people who use the Library and Newsrooms have been in constant employment, and have had less time for reading. and some degree of the novelty which attached to the opening of a special Children's Department has worn off. Of the decrease referred to over 3000 are in the Children's Library, and 5000 in Fiction, all other classes remaining about the same. I am glad to report that there is very little to complain of in the way the books are used.

Tables 3 and 4 deal with the Reference Library. The total number of books here is 10,847, including 2,822 volumes of Patents. The additions number 298 (including 121 Patents) against 130 last year, when no patents were included. The daily issue is 43 against 41 last year, and there were 2,206 Patents consulted against 2,594 last year.

Various miscellanous items of information are collected in Table 5. The number of borrowers also shows a decrease, but the proportion between the sexes remains about the same, and Table 6 giving the occupation of the last thousand borrowers shows that all classes are represented among them. Those described as of no occupation are mostly married women, and to that extent, the term is, or should be, a misnomer. The distribution of the same thousand borrowers among the wards of the town is shown in the table below, which varies only slightly from former years. Babington, Becket. Derwent, Friar Gate and Litchurch Wards all contribute above their share; Arboretum, King's Mead, and Castle are below their proper number, although there is a considerable advance in the ward last named.

WARD.	PER THOUSAND.	
	Actual Number of Borrowers.	Number to be expected according to Population.
Arboretum	107	168
Babington	148	122
Becket	237	198
Castle	70	115
Derwent	71	64
Friar Gate	165	113
King's Mead	103	145
Litchurch	99	75

Books which were overdue had to be written for to the number of 969, and no fewer than 4,059 books passed through the binders' hands for greater or less reason. Of these at least 3,600 were dealt with on our own premises. No fewer than 1,232 books were bespoken by borrowers during the year, Table 7 summarises the principal figures of the year for purposes of comparison.

The attendance in the Newsrooms has been slightly less than usual, although the actual numbers have not been taken. There is no complaint to be made about the order, and I find that the habitués of the rooms are as anxious to preserve quiet as we ourselves. Neither petty theft nor mutilation of magazines has been quite absent during the year, either in the Central Reading Rooms or at the Arboretum, and the class of magazine stolen generally shows the literary tastes of the thief or thieves to be of a somewhat high order.

The work of re-arranging the Museum has proceeded steadily during the entire year, and the sub-committee charged with the work has been fully occupied. The Invertebrates, beginning with the lowest forms of life, and proceeding as far as the Mollusca, are practically finished and fill one of the large wall cases, and the Mollusca will next receive attention. The work already done has met with approval from various visitors well qualified to judge. The specimens in the "Birds" bequest have all been carefully gone through, those wanted for our own collection selected, and the duplicates have been offered on loan to various Schools and Colleges in the town, several of which have accepted the loan on the terms offered. The collection of early electrical and galvanic apparatus, made by the late Mr. J. A. Warwick, and presented to the Museum by Mr. Herbert Strutt, J, P., will most of it be disposed of in the same way.

I had the pleasure of attending the Second International Library Conference held in London in July last as a representative of this Library, and much enjoyed and profited by the meetings.

In concluding this Report, I have once more to express my acknowledgments to the local press, for their ready co-operation and help in anything likely to benefit the Institution. From the staff I have had cheerful and efficient help, and I believe that all are animated by the desire to make the benefits of the Institution fully available to the inhabitants of the town. My own work

throughout the twelve years I have been in your service, has been a pleasure to me, and I hope I may continue to merit your approbation.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. Crowther.

Librarian and Curator.

October 28th, 1897.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Corporation Art Gallery Committee.

THE Art Gallery Committee have pleasure in presenting their Fifteenth Annual Report to the Town Council. According to custom, a comparative table of the number of visitors for the last three years is given below.

	1894-95	1895-96	1896-97
Visitors to Autumn Exhibition	17747	17707	14360
" Spring "	18070	17300	15340
" Summer "	11980	12150	12152
Total Visitors	47797	47157	41852
Total Days Open by Payment	160	164	178
" " Free	89	87	90
Total Days Open ...	249	251	268
Average on Paying Days	68	62	53
" Free Days	415	425	361

It will be noticed that the number of visitors is below those of previous years, a result which has characterised the returns from many other Art Galleries and Museums during the current year. The proportion between the numbers on the free days and paying days remains at about seven to one. The total number of visitors to the Gallery since its opening is now 575,501.

The deficit to be paid by the Council is £17 less than that of last year. The catalogue value of the pictures sold at the Exhibitions is £449 12s. 0d., which exeeds last year's result by £76. The Annual Art Union was again a success.

The usual number of Exhibitions was held during the year, the Autumn and Spring consisting as in former years, of modern pictures in both oil and water colours. The Committee believe that the standard of the works exhibited steadily improves, and for each Exhibition more pictures were submitted than could possibly be hung. This is a very cheering sign, proving that the Gallery continues to hold its place in the estimation of artists. Mr. Calderón's picture of the "Renunciation of Elizabeth of Hungary"

was lent by the Chantrey Trustees, and Sir George Paget lent his own portrait by Professor Herkomer to the Spring Exhibition. The Committee were fortunate enough to secure for the Summer Exhibition the first Travelling Collection of Water Colours from South Kensington. This fine collection proved of great value to Art Students, and of interest to the general public.

The Autumn Exhibition, now open, is equal to any of its predecessors in merit, and about one hundred and fifty pictures had to be rejected for lack of space. Up to the present time, both attendance and sales have been satisfactory.

The four cases of Art objects lent to the Gallery by the South Kensington authorities were changed in June last, and are of an interesting and useful character. The Committee have once more to acknowledge the courtesy of the officials of the Department, and their anxiety to meet the wishes of the Committee in the objects selected. Large use has been made during the year of the facilities afforded for copying these objects, and the Committee hope that much benefit will result to manufactures carried on in the Borough from the advantages thus offered by the Gallery. Other Art objects have been lent by various persons during the year, to all of whom the thanks of the Committee are due.

The twelfth season of Saturday popular Concerts, organised by the Curator took place last winter, and to the musical friends, both amateur and professional, who assisted, the best thanks of the Committee are again due.

The Committee have to report that the building is in a good state of repair, and that the charges under this head have been but slight during the past year, while the establishment charges are also lower than last year's. Everything in connection with the Gallery has been worked as economically as possible, consistent with efficiency, and the Committee think that the Council may be congratulated on the success of a valuable institution being maintained at so small a cost.

It only remains to express our full appreciation of the zeal and efficiency with which the duties of the Curator are discharged. To his good management is largely due the success of the Gallery.

On behalf of the Committee,

WILLIAM BEMROSE,

October 28th, 1897. Chairman.

Statistical Tables.

TABLE I.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	1 Number of Volumes in Library, September, 1896.	2 Volumes lost and paid for.	3 Vols. from Infected Houses Destroyed.	4 Volumes Totally Lost.	5 Volumes Withdrawn as worn out.	6 Total.	Stock reduced as per Column 6.	Number of Books Replaced.	Number of New Books.	Present Library Stock, 1897.	Total Increase.	Percentage of Books in each Class.
Arts and Sciences	1869	...	...	...	...	..	1869	1	27	1897	28	9·81
Law and Politics...	273	...	...	...	...	...	273		14	287	14	1·49
Natural History	449	...	...	...		..	449		10	459	10	2·37
Poetry and Drama	641	...	...	...	...	...	641		17	658	17	3·40
Theology and Philosophy ...	1021	...	...	1	..	1	1020		14	1034	13	5·35
Light Literature	5002	9	...	1	344	354	4648	717	208	5573	571	28·82
Children's Department	1347	...	2	...	42	44	1303	88	100	1491	144	7·71
History, Travels, and Biography	6044	...	...	1		1	6043		156	6199	155	32·06
Miscellaneous	1663	...	...	1	8	9	1654		85	1739	76	8·99
Totals	18309	9	2	4	394	409	17900	806	631	19337	1028	100·00

TABLE II.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

Showing the Monthly Issue in each Class, the Number of Days the Library was open, the Total Volumes Issued, and the Daily Average.

MONTH.	Number of Days Open.	Science and Art.	Politics and Commerce.	Natural History.	Theology and Philosophy.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction	History, Biography, and Travel.	Miscellaneous.	Children's Library.	Total	Daily Average of Volumes.
1896 ...												
October	25	409	19	54	115	119	12343	618	614	1832	16123	645
November ...	19½	409	9	43	92	97	10276	514	519	1903	13862	711
December ...	22	333	8	45	88	69	10115	468	515	1815	13456	612
1897												
January ...	24	416	14	65	91	93	11885	565	581	1977	15687	654
February ...	22	392	12	76	93	75	11380	548	530	1964	15070	685
March ...	21	364	8	62	85	73	11104	521	519	2010	14746	702
April ...	22	296	7	79	60	75	11099	488	579	1731	14414	655
May	24	277	9	83	104	63	10922	485	562	1639	14144	590
June	6	39	1	16	8	13	1878	106	78	256	2395	399
July	25	268	7	46	59	50	8955	358	390	1255	11388	456
August ...	23	252	10	25	81	68	9134	384	395	1118	11467	499
September ...	23½	317	14	23	66	70	10230	478	421	1197	12816	545
Totals ...	257	3772	118	617	942	865	119321	5533	5703	18697	155568	605

TABLE III.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	No. of Vols. in Library, September, 1896.	Additions during the year.	Present Library Stock 1897.
Arts and Sciences	2135	85	2220
Law and Politics	268	1	269
Natural History	585	16	601
Poetry and Drama	162	1	163
Theology and Philosophy	282	12	294
Light Literature	63	...	63
History, Travels, Biography, &c.	1735	21	1756
Miscellaneous	1354	27	1381
Devonshire Library	1264	14	1278
Patent Library	2701	121	2822*
Total	10549	298	10847

Pamphlets not included in the above.

* Patents are now received singly, and only *completed* volumes are here included.

TABLE IV.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Showing the Monthly Issue in each Class, the number of Days the Library was open, the Total Volumes issued, and the Daily Average.

MONTH.	Number of Days open.	Science and Art.	Politics and Commerce.	Natural History.	Theology and Philosophy.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, and Travel.	Miscellaneous.	Patent Library.	Books for Blind.	Devonshire Library.	Total.	Daily Average of Volumes.
1896														
October ..	27	340	14	65	59	199	63	332	57	539	...	32	1700	63
November ..	21	257	15	84	22	210	46	196	52	17	...	8	907	43
December ..	24½	331	15	52	66	90	63	251	45	396	...	1	1310	53
1897														
January ...	26	335	16	62	48	55	66	279	40	249	...	23	1173	45
February ...	24	398	22	43	58	152	39	232	29	23	..	18	1014	42
March ...	23	345	23	49	62	91	13	245	49	154	...	7	1038	45
April	24	315	24	31	60	73	3	240	20	205	...	25	996	42
May	26	287	36	44	53	52	12	178	20	215	...	49	946	36
June	9	105	16	30	28	6		89	15	106	...	7	402	45
July	27	276	34	44	75	40	13	196	41	34	...	5	758	28
August ...	25	273	37	44	60	36	15	170	25	205	...	40	905	36
September ..	26	434	68	73	84	17	11	168	43	63	...	17	978	38
Totals ...	282½	3696	320	621	675	1021	344	2576	436	2206	...	232	12127	43

TABLE V.

MISCELLANEOUS.

MONTH.	Number of New Borrowers.			Number of Cards Cancelled.	Number of Overdue Books written for.	Number of Books Re-bound.	Number of Books Repaired and Numbered.
	Males.	Females.	Children's Departm'nt				
1896.							
October	48	54	26	21	52	97	219
November	41	22	38	11	83	26	514
December	42	16	20	8	105	10	399
1897.							
January	55	44	37	11	119	42	480
February	60	29	15	10	84	...	206
March	33	38	22	7	128	149	299
April	26	27	18	13	100	...	241
May	29	20	17	11	123	...	203
June	5	6	1	7	...	...	188
July	28	20	16	6	11	23	194
August	28	22	17	14	87	168	220
September	40	29	17	12	77	...	381
Total	435	327	244	131	969	515	3544

Approximate Total Number of Borrowers' Tickets now in force ... 7,500.

TABLE VI.

Occupations of the Last Thousand of the New Borrowers.

Agents and Collectors ...	18
Apprentices and Shop Assistants	49
Architects, Surveyors and Draughtsmen	5
Bakers and Confectioners .	6
Basket Maker	1
Bookbinders, Printers, Lithographers, and Compositors	22
Boot and Shoe Makers ...	3
Brewers	2
Builders, Bricklayers, and Plasterers	8
Butchers	9
Cabmen	2
Carpenters, Joiners, and Cabinet Makers ...	12
Carter	1
Chemists and Druggists ...	4
China Workers	6
Clergymen and Ministers ...	3
Clerks and Bookeepers ...	98
Commercial Travellers ...	7
Corset Maker	1
Drapers	7
Domestic Servants	14
Dyer	1
Engineers, Moulders, Smiths, Fitters, Boiler Makers, & Engine Drivers ...	39
Errand and Office Boys ...	17
Factory Hands	38
Farmer	1
Firemen	2
Fishmonger	1
Footman	1
Gardeners	2
Grocers	10
Grooms	2
Hairdressers	9
Housekeepers	10
Inland Revenue Officers ...	3
Labourers	9
Laundresses	2
Lay Reader	1
Milliners and Dressmakers...	32
Musicians & Music Teachers	6
Newspaper Manager ...	1
Novelists	2
Nurses	6
Painters and Paper-hangers	8
Photographer	1
Piano Tuner	1
Platers	3
Plumbers and Glaziers ...	3
Policeman	1
Porters, Caretakers, and Attendants	6
Postman	1
Railway Employés	13
Rope Maker	1
Saddler	1
Scholars and Students ...	63
Sister of Mercy	1
Skinners	2
Soldiers	2
Stationer	1
Stone Polisher	1
Surgeons, Physicians and Doctors	4
Tailoresses	3
Tailors, Hatters, and Hosiers	20
Teachers and Pupil Teachers	55
Telegraphists	3
Telegraph Messengers ...	5
Telephone Operator ...	1
Turners and Brass Finishers	7
Typewriter	1
Waiters and Waitresses ...	8
Warehousemen	10
Watchmaker...	1
Wine and Spirit Merchants	2
Wood Carver	1
No Occupation	297
Total ...	1,000

TABLE VII.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

COMPARATIVE RETURNS.

	1896	1897
Lending Library Replacements	305	806
New Books	518	631
Total Books	18309	19337
,, Issues	164676	155568
Average Daily Issue	637	605
Turnover of each Volume	8·99	8·04
Reference Library :—		
New Books	130	298
Total Books	10549	10847
,, Issues	11814	12127
Average Daily Issue	41	43
New Borrowers	1850	1006
Total Borrowers (approximate)	7500	7500
Number of Works issued per Borrower ...	23.5	22·4
Cards Cancelled	151	131
Overdue Books written for	649	969
Books Re-bound and Repaired	2760	4059

GENERAL DATA.

Population (estimated to June, 1897)	103,291
Rateable Value (September, 1897)	£427,138
Amount of Rate Levied	One Penny.
Amount produced by Rate	£1,737
Library Stock	29.2 PER CENT. OF POPULATION.

DONATIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

AGENT-GENERAL FOR NEW SOUTH WALES—A Statistical Account of the Seven Colonies of Australasia.

BRADSHAW, MRS.—History of the Colvile Family.

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SECRETARY, Society of Arts—Report of the Proceedings of the International Congress on Technical Education.

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SECRETARY of State for India—Sacred Books of the East—Vols. 38, 42, 45, and 46; Reports of the Inspection of Mines in India, 1894–5.

SECRETARY, University College, Bristol—Calendar, 1897–8.

SMITH, FRANCIS N., ESQ.—Imperial Gazetteer of India (9 Vols.).

STUBBS' PUBLISHING CO., LTD.—Stubbs' Manufacturers, Merchant Shippers and Professional Directory for 1897 (two copies).

UNIVERSITY CORRESPONDENCE COLLEGE—Tutorial Series (per Messrs. W. B. Clive & Co.)—Tutorial Chemistry; Advanced Mechanics; Matriculation Directory, 1897; University Correspondent, Vol. VI.; First Stage Inorganic Chemistry; Spenser's Faerie Queene; First Stage Physiography; First Stage Mechanics of Fluids; First Stage Sound, Light and Heat; Tutorial Trigonometry; Euclid Books, I.–IV.; Exercises and Test Questions on the Tutorical Latin Grammar; Pamphlets, Leaflets, &c.

UNSWORTH, REV. WM.—The Influence of Jesus Christ on Work and Workers.

WALKER, CHARLES CLEMENT, ESQ.—"John Heminge and Henry Condell," Friends and Fellow Actors of Shakespeare.

WILLIAMS AND NORGATE, MESSRS.—The Hippolutos and Ion of Euripides; The King and the Kingdom, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Series.

DONATIONS TO THE MUSEUM.

BEMROSE, ARTHUR CADE, ESQ.—"Tarantula."

BOYNTON, T. ESQ., F.S.A.—Cast Medallion of the late Joseph Strutt, Esq.

BONUS, MRS.—Hippocamp.

CREWE, HUGO HARPUR, ESQ.—10 Coins of Henry III.

STRUTT, GEORGE HERBERT, ESQ., J.P.—Collection of early Electrical Apparatus, made by the late J. A. Warwick, Esq.

YARNELL, MRS.—Parcel of Coins.

Abstract of Accounts.

Derby Free

ABSTRACT OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE

Dr. **REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS**

	£	s.	d.
To Joiner's, Plumber's, and Painter's Work	14	18	3
,, Locksmith's Work, and Repairing Electric Bells ...	2	13	0
,, Builder's and Painter's Work (Librarian's House) ...	14	11	1
,, Painting and Repairs (Porter's Lodge)	9	8	6
,, Upholsterer's Work	4	13	6
,, Lamps for Electric Light, and Repairs	5	3	9
	£51	8	1

SALARIES AND

To W. Crowther, Chief Librarian and Curator	240	0	0
,, W. H. Walton, Assistant Librarian	93	15	0
,, E. J. Crowther ,, ,, ...	48	5	0
,, W. L. Coltman ,, ,, ...	36	0	0
,, L. C. Goodwin ,, ,, ...	16	9	0
,, G. W. Pullen ,, ,, ...	16	5	0
,, H. White ,, ,, ...	14	2	0
,, H. M. Haywood, Committee Clerk	44	3	4
,, Porter's Wages and Assistant Cleaners	80	5	3
,, Watson, Sowter & Co., Auditors	7	7	0
	£596	11	7

LIBRARY

To New Books	283	16	6
,, Binding and Repairing Books	128	7	8
,, Palæontographical and Harleian Society's Reports ...	2	2	0
,, Printing Post Cards and other Notices and Forms ..	19	16	2
,, Printing Fines Books	4	4	0
,, Binding Magazines	15	9	9
,, Binding Materials	8	5	0
	£462	1	1

Library, &c.

YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 29, 1897.

TO PREMISES ACCOUNT. Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Free Library Revenue Account	51	8	1
	£51	8	1

WAGES ACCOUNT.

By Free Library Revenue Account	596	11	7
	£596	11	7

ACCOUNT.

By Sale of Catalogues	4	14	1
,, Fines upon Readers for Detention of Books	50	3	0
,, Fees for New Tickets and Post Cards	10	9	10
,, Lost and Damaged Books	1	14	4
,, Free Library Revenue Account	394	19	10
	£462	1	1

Dr.

READING AND NEWS

	£	s.	d.
To Magazines and Periodicals	31	3	7
,, Newspapers, Illustrated Papers, &c.	61	5	0
,, Directories and Dictionaries	8	18	3
,, Covers for Magazines	7	9	3
,, Printing Reference Catalogue	37	0	9
	£145	16	10

MUSEUM

To Specimens	25	19	0
,, Book (Plates of Birds' Eggs)	2	2	0
,, Papering Cases	4	14	9
,, Labels	0	19	8
	£33	15	5

ARBORETUM

To Caretaker's Salary	10	0	0
,, Rent of Premises	10	0	0
,, Gas	8	14	11
,, Coal	7	19	0
,, Newspapers, Magazines, &c.	28	17	3
,, Joiner's and Plumber's Work	2	2	9
,, National Telephone Co., Annual Subscription ...	5	0	0
,, Miscellaneous Payments	3	18	2
	£76	12	1

DERBY

To Free Library Rate at One Farthing in the £, one Quarter to 25th December, 1896	434	5	0
,, Ditto, Quarter ending 25th March, 1897	434	5	0
,, Ditto, Quarter ending 24th June, 1897	434	5	0
,, Ditto, Quarter ending 29th September, 1897	434	5	0
	£1737	0	0

ROOMS ACCOUNTS.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Sale of Old Periodicals, &c.	8	4	3
,, Free Library Revenue Account	137	12	7
	£145	16	10

ACCOUNT.

By Free Library Revenue Account	33	15	5
	£33	15	5

BRANCH ACCOUNT.

By Free Library Revenue Account...	76	12	1
	£76	12	1

CORPORATION.

By Treasurer, Free Library Rate granted Nov. 9th, 1896	434	5	0
,, Ditto, granted February 3rd, 1897	434	5	0
,, Ditto, granted May 5th, 1897	434	5	0
,, Ditto, granted August 4th, 1897	434	5	0
	£1737	0	0

Dr. **ESTABLISHMENT**

	£	s.	d.
To Gas	11	13	4
,, Electric Light and Meter Rent	148	10	9
,, Water	1	13	4
,, Coal	24	14	3
,, Fire Insurance	19	17	0
,, Ironmongery	3	1	9
,, Plants, Bulbs, &c., for Garden	8	14	4
,, Petty Cash Payments by Librarian	39	18	0
,, Printing Annual Reports	9	10	0
,, Various Printing and Stationery	11	18	6
,, Cleaning Windows	10	0	0
,, Property Tax and House Duty	1	4	2
,, Miscellaneous Expenses	5	13	5
,, Interest and Commission Charged by Bankers, and Cheque Books	9	16	6
,, Clothing for Porter	4	2	6
,, Garden Hose	2	17	11
,, National Telephone Co. Annual Subscription ...	5	5	0
	£318	10	9

FREE LIBRARY

To Balance brought forward	1	17	1
,, Repairs and Alterations to Premises	51	8	1
,, Salaries and Wages	596	11	7
,, Library	394	19	10
,, Reading and News Rooms	137	12	7
,, Museum	33	15	5
,, Arboretum Branch	76	12	1
,, Establishment	284	12	1
,, Balance	159	11	3
	£1737	0	0

BALANCE

ASSETS.

To Treasurer	*159	11	3
	£159	11	3

*NOTE.—Books on Order £60
Additions to Porter's House £40

£100

ACCOUNT. Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Derby Mechanics' Institute, Acknowledgment for Encroachment	0	1	0
,, Commissioners of Inland Revenue, Repayment of Income Tax (Sch. A.) 3 years	25	8	4
,, Derby Corporation Art Gallery ditto.	8	9	4
,, Free Library Revenue Account ...	284	12	1
	£318	10	9

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

By Quarterly Rates granted by the Derby Corporation...	1737	0	0
	£1737	0	0

SHEET.

LIABILITIES.

By Free Library Revenue Account	159	11	3
	£159	11	3

H. M. HAYWOOD, CLERK.

We have examined the several Accounts of the Derby Free Library and Museum, for the year ending September 29th, 1897, and hereby certify that they are correct.—Dated this 26th day of October, 1897.

WATSON, SOWTER & Co., A.C.A., *Auditors appointed by the Corporation.*

GEORGE FROST,
JAMES HARWOOD, } *Auditors appointed by the Burgesses.*

C. BOAM, *Auditor appointed by the Mayor.*

Derby Corporation

ABSTRACT OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE

Dr.

WAGES

	£	s.	d.
To Wages to Attendant at Turnstile and Charwoman ...	86	6	6
,, Watson, Sowter & Co., Auditors	3	3	0
	£89	9	6

REPAIRS AND

To Repairs to Heating Apparatus	1	1	6
,, Joiner's Work	2	14	5
	£3	15	11

COLLECTION AND CARRIAGE OF

To Collection and Carriage of Pictures, &c., and obtaining Loans	155	19	4
	£155	19	4

ESTABLISHMENT

To Fire Insurance	4	13	9
,, Gas	1	5	7
,, Electric Light and Meter Rent	35	9	0
,, Coal	4	11	10
,, Ironmongery	2	1	0
,, Advertising	2	5	0
,, Printing, Stationery, and Posting	30	17	9
,, Printing Catalogues	29	3	6
,, Printing Programmes for Concerts	3	19	0
,, Petty Cash Payments by Curator	17	5	0
,, Interest and Commission charged by Bankers ...	9	7	7
,, Attendant's Clothing	5	16	6
,, Property Tax (4 years)	11	4	10
,, Polishing Piano and Cover for same	3	4	6
	£161	4	10

Art Gallery.

YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 29, 1897.

ACCOUNT. **Cr.**

	£	s.	d.
By Art Gallery Account	89	9	6
	£89	9	6

ALTERATIONS ACCOUNT.

By Art Gallery Account	3	15	11
	£3	15	11

PICTURES AND LOANS ACCOUNT.

By Art Gallery Account	155	19	4
	£155	19	4

ACCOUNT.

By Advertisements in Catalogue	£1	1	0			
,, Sale of Catalogues	16	13	7			
				17	14	7
,, Art Gallery Account				143	10	3
				£161	4	10

Dr. **DERBY CORPORATION**

	£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward	337	18	6
	£337	18	6

ART GALLERY

To Wages	89	9	6
,, Repairs and Alterations	3	15	11
,, Collection and Carriage of Pictures	155	19	4
,, Establishment	143	10	3
	£392	15	0

BALANCE

ASSETS.

To Art Gallery Revenue Account	320	13	3
	£320	13	3

ACCOUNT. **Cr.**

By Derby Corporation, Amount owing to Banker at 29th September, 1896			337	18 6
			£337	18 6

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

By Autumn Exhibition, 1896–7.				
Receipts at Turnstile	£15	15 9		
Commission on Pictures sold ...	14	0 0		
			29	15 9
,, Spring Exhibition, 1897.				
Receipts at Turnstile	£21	4 11		
Commission on Pictures sold ...	8	5 6		
			29	10 5
,, Summer Exhibition, 1897.				
Receipts at Turnstile			12	15 7
,, Balance (deficiency)			320	13 3
			£392	15 0

SHEET.

Liabilities.

By Treasurer	320	13	3
	£320	13	3

H. M. HAYWOOD, Clerk.

We have examined the several Accounts of the Derby Art Gallery for the year ending 29th September, 1897, and hereby certify that they are correct.

Dated this 26th day of October, 1897.

WATSON SOWTER & Co., A.C.A., *Auditors appointed by the Corporation.*

GEORGE FROST,
JAMES HARWOOD, } *Auditors appointed by the Burgesses.*

C. BOAM, *Auditor appointed by the Mayor.*

H. W. SQUIRRELL, PRINTER, 42 GREEN LANE,

PRESENTED
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BRITISH MUSEUM

County Borough of Derby.

Twenty-seventh Annual Report

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BRITISH MUSEUM

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PRESENTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL,

NOVEMBER 9th, 1898.

DERBY: HARPUR AND SONS, PRINTERS, LONDON ROAD.

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List of Committees and Officials.

LIBRARY & MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

ALDERMAN DUESBURY, MAYOR, *ex-officio.*

MR. ALDERMAN G. BOTTOMLEY, J.P., CHAIRMAN.

MR. ALDERMAN HARRISON, J.P.
" " RUSSELL, J.P.
" COUNCILLOR ANN, J.P.
" " CHOLERTON.
" " DOULD.
" " ELLIS.
" " LAURIE, M.D.
" " STONE.
" " WILSON, M.A.
" " WINTER.

MR. H. ARNOLD-BEMROSE, M.A.
" W. BEMROSE, J.P.
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" A. B. HAMILTON, L.L.M., J.P.
" H. M. HOBSON.
REV. G. HUNSWORTH, M.A.
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VICE-CHAIRMAN.
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" " HORNE, J.P.

MR. COUNCILLOR A. WILSON, M.A.
" " WINTER.
DR. FRANCIS.
MR. C. B. KEENE.
" T. C. SIMMONDS.
" GEO. TURNER.

LIBRARIAN, CURATOR, AND SECRETARY.

MR. WILLIAM CROWTHER.

ASSISTANT LIBRARIANS.

MR. W. H. WALTON. MISS ETHEL J. CROWTHER.
MR. W. LOUIS COLTMAN.

JUNIOR ASSISTANTS.

G. W. PULLEN. HELEN J. WHITE.
T. GOODWIN.

ART GALLERY ATTENDANT: J. FOLEY.

PORTER: GEORGE PULLEN.

COUNTY BOROUGH OF DERBY.

Twenty-sixth Annual Report

OF THE

Free Library & Museum Committee

For the year ended September 30th, 1898.

THE Free Library and Museum Committee have pleasure in laying before the Town Council their Twenty-seventh Annual Report.

The Library and Museum are in a prosperous condition. The Library now contains 31,210 volumes—an increase of a little more than a thousand during the year—and full details respecting it and its working will be found in the Librarian's Report to this Committee and the tables appended to it. The Committee have made no new departure during the year, but the usefulness of the Institution as a whole has been fully maintained.

The Arboretum Branch Reading Room fully justifies its establishment, and the numbers using it show a steady increase. In the four months of the year in which the visitors were counted, the numbers reached 40,091, giving a total for the year of 120,273, which is 6,700 more than last year, and 13,000 more than the first year in which it was open. The special exit into Rose Hill Street, for use during the last hour of the evening, has proved a great boon, and the Committee desire to acknowledge the readiness with which the Arboretum Committee met their views when the subject came under discussion. The cost of maintenance keeps well within the Committee's estimate, although this year there has been special painting and cleaning to be provided for.

The re-arrangement of the Museum still steadily progresses under the direction of the Sub-Committee charged with the work. Some valuable donations to the Museum will be found in the lists this year, among the most important of which are a number of horns from South Africa, presented by Colonel J. A. Spreckley, of Buluwayo, a former townsman. To the same gentleman's good

offices the Committee are indebted for the purchase of a lion on very favourable terms. This the Museum Committee hope to have in its place about Christmas. Another important addition is the bequest of a collection of Army and Navy Medals, which the Committee have received through the executors of the late Mr. W. Litchfield, of Gerard Street. Special cases are being arranged for these on the Museum corridor. Another important gift is that of the "Hutton Memorial," secured through the efforts of Mr. Sidney B. Eckett, late of Derby and now of Birmingham. This consists of a small collection of the famous Derby historian's printed works, and also his portrait. The former have been placed in the "Devonshire" Library, and the latter hung on the Museum corridor.

The buildings are in a good state of repair. Special expenditure has been incurred during the past year in building a small wash-house at the Porter's lodge; in providing a new entrance to the basement on the Strand side, in order to obviate heavy goods being brought in at the front entrance and carried down the steps; and the various parts of the building have been connected by telephone. All these alterations were very much wanted, and their provision is a great increase to the general convenience.

An important change in the staff arrangements was necessitated in March last, when Mr. H. M. Haywood, who had been Clerk to the Committee for nearly twenty years, was appointed Chief Constable of the borough. After consideration, the Committee unanimously decided to hand over his duties to the Librarian — an arrangement which works well. The Committee would like to place on record in this Report their sense of the valuable services rendered to the Institution by Mr. H. M. Haywood during the long period in which he held office, and of his unfailing courtesy and zeal in the discharge of his duties.

It is the duty of the Committee, in closing this Report, to thank the numerous donors of books, magazines, newspapers, and Museum specimens for their donations during the year just closed, and to once more place on record their satisfaction with the way in which Mr. Crowther and his staff discharge their duties both to the Committee and to the public.

On behalf of the Committee,

GEORGE BOTTOMLEY,

October 27th, 1898. *Chairman.*

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Chairman and Members of the Derby Free Public Library and Museum Committee.

GENTLEMEN,—

IT gives me very great pleasure to lay before you my Thirteenth Annual Report, which is accompanied by the usual Tables explaining the details of our work. On each of these I may be allowed to say a few words, which I hope may be of interest not only to you, but to that large section of the inhabitants of the town who use or are interested in the Library.

From Table I. it will be seen that the Lending Library stock is now nearly twenty thousand volumes, and the questions of shelf room and space on the Indicator will soon become acute. 692 new books have been added, and out of the 499 withdrawn as worn-out, 460 have been replaced. Nine volumes have been lost and paid for, and four have been totally lost. The issues are shown in Table II., and show a decrease of nearly 10,000, or a daily decrease of 38 from last year's results. I find that this decrease is a general one in various parts of the country, and the principal reason for it is probably to be found in the general prosperity of the country, plenty of work affording less leisure for reading. The exceptionally fine weather which has prevailed during the greater part of the year, and the great popularity of the bicycle as a means of recreation, have also something to do with the result. There is some consolation in knowing that the amount of solid reading remains about the same, the principal decreases occurring in Fiction (about 7,000) and in Juvenile books (about 2,000). I am very glad to report that I have had no serious complaint to make about the usage of the books during the year. The Reference Library stock stands at 11,233, which includes a little over 3,000 volumes of Patents. Of these, 1,147 have been consulted, as against 2,206 last year. 169 volumes other than Patents have been added, and the daily issues in the various classes differ little from former years.

Table V. gives a variety of information. From it we gather that the number of new borrowers is about the same as usual—rather more adults and rather fewer children having joined than last year. 1,160

borrowers have had to be reminded that their books were overdue; but the offences cannot have been of such long standing, as the amount which had to be levied for fines is considerably less. No fewer than 3,736 volumes had to pass through the binder's hands for greater or less reason, 519 of which had to be re-bound. All the small repairs, all the numbering, labelling, and lettering (except where books were re-bound) were done by our own man on the premises. The Table giving the occupations of the last thousand borrowers is always an interesting one, showing that all classes and occupations are represented. This year's shows no new features, and the same thousand borrowers are distributed among the Wards as shown in the Table below, on which there is no new remark to make.

WARD.	Per Thousand.	
	Actual Number of Borrowers.	Number to be expected according to Population.
Arboretum	143	168
Babington	132	122
Becket	261	198
Castle	56	115
Derwent	76	64
Friar Gate	130	113
King's Mead...	113	145
Litchurch	89	75

Our new Fiction Catalogue was issued after the Annual Stock-taking, and sells well. A new edition of the Children's Catalogue is ready for the printer, and the next section of the General Catalogue—that embracing History, Biography, and Travel—is in a forward condition. We hope soon to have the Card Catalogue system in operation for showing recent additions, and for the Reference Library as a whole.

The News-rooms are quite as fully used as ever, and I should say that the number using the rooms is larger now than it was before the branch at the Arboretum was opened, while the attendance at the latter increases month by month. The Book Committee went thoroughly into the list of newspapers and magazines at the beginning of the year, and considerably revised and improved it at an additional expenditure of about £14 annually. New lists have been posted in each room, of the magazines to be found there, while a general list in the front corridor shows the names of all that are taken. I have no complaint to make of the conduct of those who use the rooms.

The work of re-arrangement in the Museum has gone on steadily, and the Sub-Committee entrusted with the work has been occupied mainly with the Mollusca. The foreign species, much the larger portion, are complete, and we are now at work on the British varieties. Purchases have been made where necessary, and altogether some 1,650 specimens, displayed on 48 trays, have been arranged, mounted, and labelled. A large number of specimens from the "Birds" collection have been lent to the Technical College, to the Higher Grade Board Schools in Gerard Street,and to other Schools, and still other Schools are making selections. As will be seen from the list, we have received a number of valuable donations, and the lion which has been purchased, and will be in its place shortly, will be a most useful addition to our limited collection of mammals. The shaft of a cross from old St. Alkmund's Church, which formerly stood in the garden, has been brought indoors.

The Institution of Mechanical Engineers held its annual meetings in Derby last July, and the Committee granted the use of our buildings for a Conversazione given by the local Reception Committee to the members, and His Worship the Mayor (Mr. Alderman Duesbury) has since given a similar entertainment to a very large number of guests, Our buildings once more proved their adaptability for such a purpose, and, although at times rather crowded, both functions were very successful.

I attended the Annual Conference of the Library Association, held this year at Southport, on which I have already fully reported to you, and I have been again elected a member of the Council of that body, which, by the way, has received a Royal Charter of Incorporation during the year.

In completing this report, I have again to acknowledge the hearty co-operation of the local press in forwarding the interests of this Institution, which has never been more in evidence than during the past year; and I have great pleasure in bearing testimony to the good and willing work done by all the members of my staff. My own duties have increased, but, thanks to your kindly help and consideration, they are a pleasure to me, and the well-directed work of the various Sub-Committees does much to lighten them.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

W. CROWTHER,

October 27th, 1898. *Librarian, Curator, and Secretary.*

Sixteenth Annual Report

OF THE

Corporation Art Gallery Committee.

THE Art Gallery Committee have pleasure in presenting to the Town Council their Sixteenth Annual Report. The number of visitors is about the same as last year, although the Gallery has been open 22 days less. The average attendance shows improvement, and on paying days is rather less than one-sixth of that upon free days. Below is given a comparative table of the number of visitors for the last three years. The total number of visitors since the opening of the Gallery is 616,935.

	1895-96	1896-97	1897-98
Visitors to Autumn Exhibition ...	17707	14360	12948
" Spring "	17300	15340	14720
" Summer "	12150	12152	13766
Total Visitors... ...	47157	41852	41434
Total Days Open by Payment... ...	164	178	163
" " Free	87	90	83
Total Days Open ...	251	268	246
Average on Paying Days	62	53	60
" Free Days	425	361	381

Three Exhibitions have been held during the past year, those for the Autumn and Spring being on the usual lines, and consisting of modern pictures in both oil and water colours. At both Exhibitions the sales were satisfactory, although rather below those of last year. Additional interest was given to the Spring Exhibition by the loan of nearly forty pictures from the fine collection of Merton Russell Cotes, Esq., F.R.G.S., of Bournemouth, who placed the Committee and the Town

under further obligation by increasing the number to one hundred and thirty pictures for the Summer Exhibition. This admirably selected collection of works of art has been an immense attraction, and is to remain in the Gallery until the close of the year. The warmest thanks of the Committee and of the Council are due to Mr. Cotes, and also to the Corporation of Oldham, who lent to the Gallery for the Spring Exhibition their grand picture, "The Last Furrow," by Mr. H. H. La Thangue, A.R.A. The Summer Exhibition was completed by a collection of pastels and black and white drawings executed by the late Mr. Arthur J. Cox, of Derby, which were a source of interest not only to his many personal friends, but to the public at large.

The Autumn Exhibition now open has been well attended up to the present. In view of the fact of Mr. Cotes's pictures remaining, it was decided to invite artists to contribute water colours only, and a very good collection is the result. The Art Union, usually held in December, is to be omitted this year.

The four cases belonging to the authorities of the South Kensington Museum had their contents changed at the usual time, and such objects as are likely to be most useful to art students and to the art industries of the town have again been lent. The Museum officials have always shown themselves most anxious to meet the wishes of the Committee as to the class of objects sent. Mr. W. T. Key, who has almost invariably had charge of the annual change, has recently retired from the service, and the Committee cannot but regret the severance of a connection which has always been a most pleasant one, and hope that Mr. Key will enjoy for many years his well-earned leisure. A most interesting case of art objects is now on loan from Mr. Councillor Arthur Wilson, to whom the thanks of the Committee are due for this proof of his interest in the welfare of the Gallery.

Early in the year, the Committee received the welcome intelligence that Colonel Sale, R.E., intended to bequeath a portion of his splendid collection of pictures to the Gallery; and later, Colonel Noel, of the Outwoods, has announced his intention of giving some valuable antique tiles. Mr. Councillor Winter has presented a series of photographic portraits of the County and Borough Magistrates holding office at the time of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, in 1897—very interesting now, and likely to become more

so in years to come—and the Committee have also received several other minor gifts These valuable contributions point to the popularity of the Art Gallery and to the educational and recreative advantages it affords to the town. The present Gallery is now full, and the Committee wish to suggest that the Council, in the midst of its other schemes for the benefit of the town, do not lose sight of the necessity of providing a home for the generous gifts already promised. Such valuable gifts to the town by her generous citizens and friends, amounting in value to some thousands of pounds, fully repay the cost incurred in providing room for them, and such provision will add but little to the present cost of maintenance.

The building is in a good state of repair, and the charges for its maintenance have been but slight, while the ordinary establishment charges have been kept at the lowest possible level consistent with efficiency. The amount to be asked for from the Council is larger than usual, but this amount is exceptional, and is accounted for by the heavy charges necessary under the head of Insurance for the special loan collections. Owners of valuable pictures naturally expect their loans to be fully safeguarded when lent to public Galleries ; and, bearing in mind the advantages reaped by art students and the public generally by the sight and study of valuable pictures otherwise inaccessible, the Committee think the money is well spent.

It only remains for the Committee to add the expression of their satisfaction with the great interest and intelligence with which the Curator, Mr. Crowther, fulfils his duties, and the able way in which he is supported by his staff.

On behalf of the Committee,

WILLIAM BEMROSE,

Chairman.

October 27th, 1898.

Statistical Tables.

TABLE I.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	1 Number of Volumes in Library, September, 1897.	2 Volumes lost and paid for.	3 Volumes Totally Lost.	4 Volumes Withdrawn as worn out.	5 Total.	Stock reduced as per Column 5.	Number of Books Replaced.	Number of New Books.	Present Library Stock, 1898.	Total Increase.	Percentage of Books in each Class.
Arts and Sciences	1897	1	...	3	4	1893	1	51	1945	48	9.73
Law and Politics	287	...	...	...	...	287	...	11	298	11	1.49
Natural History	459	...	...	...	...	459	...	21	480	21	2.40
Poetry and Drama	658	...	...	...	...	658	...	18	676	18	3.43
Theology and Philosophy	1034	...	...	...	...	1034	...	16	1050	16	5.25
Light Literature	5573	8	2	415	425	5148	397	284	5829	256	29.17
Children's Department	1491	...	2	55	57	1434	44	114	1592	101	7.96
History, Travels, and Biography ...	6199	...	...	1	1	6198	...	114	6312	113	31.59
Miscellaneous	1739	...	...	25	25	1714	18	63	1795	56	8.98
Totals	19337	9	4	499	512	18825	460	692	19977	640	100.00

TABLE II.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

Showing the Monthly Issue in each Class, the Number of Days the Library was open, the Total Volumes Issued, and the Daily Average.

MONTH.	Number of Days Open.	Science and Art.	Politics and Commerce.	Natural History.	Theology and Philosophy.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, and Travel.	Miscellaneous.	Children's Library.	Total.	Daily Average of Volumes.
1897.												
October ...	24	446	16	43	94	71	10874	493	520	2009	14566	607
November ...	20½	373	12	41	94	75	9955	483	533	1826	13392	653
December ...	21½	327	8	36	80	81	9961	453	496	1598	13040	606
1898.												
January ...	24	360	11	78	77	82	11120	523	577	1765	14593	608
February ...	22	368	13	84	103	98	10325	529	467	1615	13602	618
March ...	21	337	12	56	99	68	10227	553	527	1523	13402	638
April	22	283	5	66	111	59	10791	463	493	1313	13584	617
May	22	258	15	77	89	62	9587	450	460	1320	12318	560
June	11	110	2	30	35	22	4262	190	189	521	5361	487
July	22	247	11	62	69	45	7525	311	327	933	9530	433
August ...	23½	266	11	74	79	61	8682	382	395	882	10832	461
September ...	24	300	16	52	77	56	9460	405	421	981	11768	490
Totals ...	257½	3675	132	699	1007	780	112769	5235	5405	16286	145988	567

TABLE III.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	No. of Vols. in Library, September, 1897.	Additions during the year.	Present Library Stock, 1898.
Art and Sciences	2220	81	2301
Law and Politics	269	3	272
Natural History	601	7	608
Poetry and Drama	163	1	164
Theology and Philosophy	294	9	303
Light Literature	63	—	63
History, Travels, Biography, &c.	1756	25	1781
Miscellaneous	1381	26	1407
Devonshire Library	1278	17	1295
Patent Library	2822	217	3039*
Total	10847	386	11233

Pamphlets not included in the above.

* Patents are now received singly, and only *completed* volumes are here included.

TABLE IV.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Showing the Monthly Issue in each Class, the number of Days the Library was open, the Total Volumes issued, and the Daily Average.

MONTH.	Number of Days open.	Science and Art.	Politics and Commerce.	Natural History.	Theology and Philosophy.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, and Travel.	Miscellaneous.	Patent Library.	Books for Blind.	Devonshire Library.	Total.	Daily Average of Volumes.
1897														
October ...	26	383	32	40	40	29	42	217	44	401	...	5	1233	48
November...	22	366	33	41	31	33	34	219	21	44	...	51	873	40
December ...	23½	395	24	64	20	26	20	176	12	11	...	19	767	33
1898														
January ...	26	404	43	92	67	42	47	205	19	28	...	11	958	37
February ...	24	386	37	127	61	24	14	222	20	19	..	17	927	39
March ..	23	396	33	101	37	13	12	197	35	49	...	5	878	38
April	24	272	47	58	34	35	3	203	11	77	...	20	760	32
May	24	293	25	51	64	40	14	154	11	107	...	71	830	35
June	16	169	17	51	21	17	1	86	8	89	...	28	487	30
July	23	235	28	44	35	46	5	126	48	126	...	52	745	32
August ...	26	337	25	50	66	53	14	197	46	139	...	36	963	37
September...	26	359	42	56	56	44	16	148	19	57	...	35	832	32
Totals ...	283½	3995	386	775	532	402	222	2150	294	1147	...	350	10253	36

TABLE V.

MISCELLANEOUS.

MONTH.	Number of New Borrowers.			Number of Cards Cancelled.	Number of Overdue Books written for.	Number of Books Re-bound.	Number of Books Repaired and Numbered.
	Males.	Females.	Children's Dep'rtm'nt				
1897.							
October	68	49	45	20	98	...	203
November	46	29	12	24	126	1	239
December	27	22	13	15	124	...	312
1898.							
January	48	26	13	19	123	6	423
February	43	28	19	21	95	...	197
March	43	22	13	22	92	17	267
April	35	27	10	13	136	53	261
May...	40	41	22	14	104	33	178
June	11	4	3	17	63	17	463
July	30	19	4	11	7	85	167
August	34	29	4	14	91	...	305
September	39	28	13	21	101	307	202
Total	464	324	171	211	1160	519	3217

Approximate Total Number of Borrowers' Tickets now in force ... 7,500.

TABLE VI.

Occupations of the Last Thousand of the New Borrowers.

Agents and Collectors ...	14
Apprentices and Shop Assistants	46
Architects, Surveyors, and Draughtsmen	8
Artists...	3
Bakers and Confectioners ...	11
Barrister-at-Law	1
Bookbinders, Printers, Lithographers, and Compositors	24
Boot and Shoe Makers ...	6
Brewer...	1
Builders, Bricklayers, and Plasterers	6
Butchers	4
Carpenters, Joiners, and Cabinet Makers	10
Carters...	2
Chemists and Druggists ...	8
China Workers	4
Clergymen and Ministers ...	12
Coachbuilder	1
Clerks and Book-keepers ...	122
Coachmen	3
Commercial Travellers ...	5
Corn Merchant	1
Cycle Maker	1
Deaconess	1
Drapers	9
Domestic Servants	11
Dyers	3
Engineers, Moulders, Smiths, Fitters, Boiler Makers, and Engine Drivers	44
Errand and Office Boys ...	18
Evangelists	2
Furniture Dealer	1
Factory Hands	35
Farmer	1
Fishmonger	1
Gardener	1
Golfer, Professional	1
Grinder	1
Grocers	16
Hairdressers	6
Housekeepers...	5
Inland Revenue Officers ...	2
Ironmongers	2
Labourers	12
Maltsters	2
Managers	3
Milksellers	2
Milliners and Dressmakers ...	23
Musicians and Music Teachers	7
Newsagent	1
Nurses...	8
Page	1
Painters and Paper-hangers...	8
Photographers	7
Picture Framer	1
Plumbers and Glaziers ...	2
Policemen	5
Postmen	2
Publican and Wine & Spirit Merchant...	2
Porters, Caretakers, and Attendants	8
Publishers	3
Railway Employés	7
Reporter and Journalist ...	2
Saddler	1
Scholars and Students ...	50
Slaters...	2
Solicitors	2
Skinner	1
Surgeons, Physicians, and Doctors	3
Tailoresses	3
Tailors, Hatters, and Hosiers	9
Teachers and Pupil Teachers	51
Typewriter	1
Telegraphists	2
Telegraph Messengers ...	9
Tobacconist	1
Turners and Brass Finishers...	4
Upholsterer	1
Watchmakers and Jewellers...	3
Waiters and Waitresses ...	2
Warehousemen	10
No Occupation	286
Total ...	1,000

TABLE VII.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

COMPARATIVE RETURNS.

	1897.	1898.
Lending Library Replacements	806	460
New Books	631	692
Total Books	19337	19977
,, Issues	155568	145988
Average Daily Issue	605	567
Turnover of each Volume	8 04	7·86
Reference Library:—		
New Books	298	386
Total Books	10847	11233
,, Issues	12127	10253
Average Daily Issue	43	36
New Borrowers	1006	959
Total Borrowers (approximate)	7500	7500
Number of Works issued per Borrower	22·4	19·5
Cards Cancelled	131	211
Overdue Books written for	969	1160
Books Re-bound and Repaired	4059	3736

GENERAL DATA.

Population (estimated to June, 1898)	104,834
Rateable Value (September, 1898)	£429,528
Amount of Rate Levied	One Penny.
Amount produced by Rate	£1,784
Library Stock	29.7 PER CENT OF POPULATION.

DONATIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

Agent-General for British Columbia.—Fifth Report of the Department of Agriculture of the Province of British Columbia; 18th Annual Report of the British Columbia Board of Trade, 1897; British Columbia Year Book, 1897, with Maps, Diagrams, and Illustrations.

Agent-General Canadian Government Agency.—Official Handbook of the Dominion of Canada; The Klondyke Official Guide; Annual Report of the Minister of Mines.

Agent-General for New South Wales.—The Health and Progress of New South Wales, 1895-6; The Wealth and Progress of New South Wales, 1898.

Agent-General for Queensland.—Queensland Past and Present, 1897; Picturesque Queensland, an Illustrated Guide to the Queensland Railways.

Art Gallery, Cardiff.—Annual Report.

Bennett & Co., Messrs.—Bennett's Business Directory, 1898 (Derbyshire).

Bower, Hubert, Esq.—"Heart's Ease"; "The Painted Book," and other Poems.

Brinsmead, Edgar, Esq.—"The History of the Pianoforte."

Briscoe, J. Potter, Esq.—"Sonnets and Songs of Robert Millhouse."

British Museum, Trustees of.—Catalogue of Seals in the Department of Manuscripts; Catalogue of Drawings by British Artists; Catalogue of Japanese Books and Manuscripts; Catalogue of Madreporian Corals, Vol. 3.

Browne, T. B., Ltd., Messrs.—Press Directory and Advertisers' A B C for 1898.

Coe, Rev. Charles C.—"Nature versus Natural Selection."

Collingwood Bros, Messrs.—Collingwood's International Mercantile Directory, 1898.

Cook, Lady.—"Lady Cook's Essays," Vol. 1.

Cooper, William, Esq.—Schedule of Loans and Sinking Fund Calculations, 1897; Abstract of Accounts of the Corporation of Derby, 1896-7.

CRANE, CRANE, & CO., MESSRS.—Crane's Universal Directory and Buyers' Guide for 1897-8.

CROSBY, LOCKWOOD, & SON, MESSRS.—Catalogue of Scientific and Technical Books, 1898.

CROWTHER, WILLIAM.—Transactions and Proceedings of the Second International Library Conference, London, 1897.

DANSON, J. T., ESQ.—"Our Commerce in War."

DOUGAL, MESSRS. F. H., & CO.—Index Register of Unclaimed Property in Chancery, &c.

DUNN, MRS. ARCHIBALD.—"The World's Highway" (two copies).

ECKETT, SYDNEY B., ESQ.—Collection of Books forming the Hutton Memorial.

EDITOR NEWCASTLE DAILY CHRONICLE.—Newcastle Chronicle Year Book, 1898.

FRYER, ALFRED C., ESQ.—"Llantwit Major: a Fifth Century University."

HAMPTON, W., ESQ.—Hampton's Scholastic Directory for London and Provinces, 1897-8.

ILKELY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.—Watering-places on the North Eastern Railway; Illustrated Guide to Ilkley, Otley, and Wharfedale.

LIBRARY REPORTS from Aberdeen, Ashton-under-Lyne, Battersea, Belfast, Birmingham, Birkenhead, Blackburn, Blackpool, Bolton, Bootle, Bournemouth, Bradford, Brentford, Brighton, Bristol, Buxton, Cambridge, Cardiff, Chelsea, Cheltenham, Clapham, Cork, Croydon, Doncaster, Ealing, Folkestone, Fulham, Glasgow, Gosport, Great Yarmouth, Hammersmith, Halifax, Harlesden, Holborn, Hove, Hyde, Kidderminster, Kilburn, Kingston-upon-Hull, Kingston-upon-Thames, Leamington Spa, Leeds, Leek, Leicester, Lincoln, Liverpool, Longton, Loughborough, Manchester, Norwich, Nottingham, Penarth, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Preston, Reading, Richmond (Surrey), Rochdale, Salford, Sheffield, Shrewsbury, Smethwick, Southampton, St. George's (Hanover Square), St. Giles's, St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, St. Mary (Rotherhithe), St. Saviour's (Southwark), St. Helen's, Stafford, Streatham, Stoke Newington, Walthamstow, West Bromwich, West Ham, West Hartlepool, Wigan, Willesden, Wolverhampton, York.

LONDON DIRECTORY CO., LTD., MESSRS.—London Directory, 1898.

LONGDON, MISS.—21 bound volumes of "Knowledge," 2 unbound; 3 bound volumes of "Health."

LOVE & WYMAN, LTD., MESSRS.—Diamond Jubilee Edition of Wyman's Commercial Encyclopedia.

MAY, WILLIAM, ESQ.—"Farm, Field, and Fireside," Volume 20.

METHUEN & CO., MESSRS.—"Three Years in Savage Africa" (Lionel Decle).

MORRIS, MRS. WILLIAM.—"Well at the World's End"; "Sidonia the Sorceress"; "Godefrey of Bologne." Printed at the Kelmscott Press.

PECK, W. E., ESQ.—Peck's Circular and Trades Directory to the Manufactures of Birmingham and District.

ROE, W. R., ESQ.—"Our Deaf and Dumb," Vol. 2 (two copies).

SECRETARY, Co-operative Union, Ltd.—30th Annual Report of the Co-operative Congress, 1898.

SECRETARY, Cripplegate Institute.—Report of the Governors for 1897.

SECRETARY, Durham University.—University Calendar, 1897-8.

SECRETARY, Friends' Tract Association.—"The Quakers, from their Origin to the Present Time."

SECRETARY, Glasgow and West of Scotland Technical College.—College Calendar, 1898-9.

SECRETARY, Incorporated Society of Musicians.—Register of Members for 1898.

SECRETARY, Iron and Steel Institute.—Journal of the Iron and Steel Institute, Vol. 52; Rules and List of Members.

SECRETARY, North British Association of Gas Managers.—"Light without a Wick: a Century of Gas-lighting, 1792-1892."

SECRETARY, Queen's College, Belfast.—College Calendar, 1898-9.

SECRETARY, Royal Colonial Institute.—Proceedings of the Royal Colonial Institute, Volume 29.

SECRETARY, Sanitary Institute.—Illustrated List of Exhibits to which Medals have been awarded at their Exhibitions held in connection with the Congresses.

SECRETARY, Trinity College, London.—College Calendar, 1897-8.

SECRETARY, University College, Dublin.—University College Calendar Examination Papers, 1898.

SECRETARY, University College, Nottingham.—College Calendar for the 17th Session.

SECRETARY, Yorkshire Philosophical Society.—Watson's "Derbyshire Strata."

SELL, HENRY, ESQ.—Dictionary of the World's Press.

SMITH, FRANCIS N., ESQ.—Dictionnaire des Artistes, 4 vols.; "Half-hours with the Microscope"; "On Preparing Objects."

STEPHENS, W. WALKER, ESQ.—"The Life and Writings of Turgot."

STUBBS' PUBLISHING CO., LTD., MESSRS.—Stubbs' Directory for 1898: Manufacturers, Merchant Shippers, and Professional.

SUTTON & SONS, MESSRS.—"The Culture of Vegetables and Flowers."

TAYLOR, SEDLEY, ESQ., M.A.—"A System of Sight Singing."

UNIVERSITY CORRESPONDENCE COLLEGE.—Tutorial Series (per Messrs. W. B. Clive & Co.): London University Guide and Calendar, 1897-8; University Correspondent, Vol. 7; The Preceptor's French Course; Tutorial Chemistry, Part 2; Matriculation Directory, 1898; General Elementary Science; Milton's "Paradise Regained"; English History, Vol. 4; First Stage Magnetism and Electricity; French Prose Composition; Text Book of Zoology; Chemical Analysis; Pamphlets, Leaflets, &c.

UNSWORTH, REV. WM.—"The Influence of Jesus Christ on the People."

VEGETARIAN SOCIETY.—"A Plea for Vegetarianism"; "The Ancoats Skylark"; Manchester Vegetarian Lectures.

WARRINGTON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.—Catalogue of the Reference Library.

WILLIAMS & NORGATE, MESSRS.—"Problems of Nature" (C. Jaeger, M.D.).

DONATIONS TO THE MUSEUM.

BROOKS, MR.—"Ashburne Token."

CREWE, HUGO HARPUR, ESQ.—Coins.

ECKETT, SYDNEY B., ESQ.—Portrait of Joseph Hutton (for "Hutton Memorial").

LITCHFIELD, W., ESQ., EXECUTORS OF THE LATE.—Collection of Naval and Military Medals.

MARSH, HOWARD, ESQ.—Collection of West Indian Birds.

RICKARD, W.,—Collection of Geological Specimens.

VAUDREY, DR.—Collection of Sea Birds.

DONATIONS TO THE ART GALLERY.

BOYNTON, T., ESQ., F.S.A.—Portrait of the late John Etches, of Derby, modelled in Derby Biscuit.

WINTER, COUNCILLOR W. W.—Collection of Portraits of County Magistrates, with their Autographs, numbering 236 in all, and arranged in three handsome revolving wrought-iron stands; also frame containing 56 Portraits of Borough Magistrates. Presented to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen.

Abstract of Accounts.

Derby Free

ABSTRACT OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE

Dr. **REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS**

	£	s.	d.
To Joiner's, Plumber's, and Painter's Work	16	3	1
,, Locksmith's Work, and Repairing and Maintaining Electric Bells	5	11	3
,, Painter's Work (Librarian's House)	6	15	0
,, Alterations at Porter's Lodge	33	7	7
,, Upholsterer's Work	5	11	0
,, Electric Lamps	7	12	0
,, New Indiarubber Mats	6	14	3
,, Telephones throughout Building...	9	18	9
,, New Entrance to Basement	44	8	0
	£136	0	11

SALARIES AND

To W. Crowther, Chief Librarian and Curator	265	0	0
,, W. H. Walton, Assistant Librarian	97	10	0
,, E. J. Crowther, ,, ,, ...	52	0	0
,, W. L. Coltman, ,, ,, ...	41	12	6
,, L. C. Goodwin, Junior Assistant...	18	5	0
,, G. W. Pullen, ,, ,, ...	18	17	0
,, H. White, ,, ,, ...	16	13	0
,, T. Goodwin, ,, ,, ...	0	12	0
,, H. M. Haywood, Committee Clerk (half-year)	25	0	0
,, Porter's Wages and Assistant Cleaners	83	2	6
,, Watson, Sowter, and Co., Auditors	7	7	0
	£625	19	0

LIBRARY

To New Books	229	11	3
,, Binding and Repairing Books	127	12	6
,, Palæontographical and Harleian Society's Reports ...	2	2	0
,, Printing Cards, Notices, Forms, and Fines Books ...	22	0	0
,, Printing New Catalogue	18	12	0
,, Binding Magazines	18	8	8
,, Binding Materials	3	12	0
,, Card Catalogue	5	10	0
,, Advertising	1	18	6
	£429	6	11

Library, &c.

YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 29, 1898.

TO PREMISES ACCOUNT.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Free Library Revenue Account	136	0	11
	£136	0	11

WAGES ACCOUNT.

By Free Library Revenue Account	625	19	0
	£625	19	0

ACCOUNT.

By Sale of Catalogues	4	19	11
„ Fines upon Readers for Detention of Books	47	10	4
„ Fees for New Tickets and Post Cards	10	17	10
„ Lost and Damaged Books	1	12	2
„ Free Library Revenue Account	364	6	8
	£429	6	11

Dr.

READING AND NEWS

	£	s.	d.
To Magazines and Periodicals	40	4	1
,, Newspapers, Illustrated Papers, &c.	61	8	3
,, Directories and Dictionaries	3	11	6
,, Framed Lists for Reading Rooms	4	3	0
	£109	6	10

MUSEUM

To Purchase, Carriage, and Mounting of Specimens ...	99	7	0
,, Glass Jars	1	1	1
,, Papering Cases	3	8	7
,, Labels	1	16	3
	£105	12	11

ARBORETUM

To Caretaker's Salary...	10	0	0
,, Rent of Premises	10	0	0
,, Gas	8	4	10
,, Coal...	6	19	2
,, Newspapers, Magazines, &c.	32	13	6
,, Joiner's and Plumber's Work, Ironmongery	1	9	9
,, National Telephone Co., Annual Subscription	5	0	0
,, Painting and Colour-washing	10	14	6
,, Miscellaneous Payments	3	10	9
	£88	12	6

DERBY

To Free Library Rate at One Farthing in the £, one Quarter to 25th December, 1897	444	13	0
,, Ditto, Quarter ending 25th March, 1898	444	13	0
,, Ditto, Quarter ending 24th June, 1898	447	8	6
,, Ditto, Quarter ending 29th September, 1898	447	8	6
	£1784	3	0

ROOMS ACCOUNTS.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Sale of Old Periodicals, &c.	2	12	11
„ Free Library Revenue Account	106	13	11
	£109	6	10

ACCOUNT.

By Free Library Revenue Account	105	12	11
	£105	12	11

BRANCH ACCOUNT.

By Free Library Revenue Account	88	12	6
	£88	12	6

CORPORATION.

By Treasurer, Free Library Rate granted Nov. 9th, 1897...	444	13	0
„ Ditto, granted February 2nd, 1898	444	13	0
„ Ditto, granted May 4th, 1898	447	8	6
„ Ditto, granted August 3rd, 1898	447	8	6
	£1784	3	0

Dr. **ESTABLISHMENT**

	£	s.	d.
To Gas	12	18	7
,, Electric Light and Meter Rent	118	6	9
,, Water	1	13	4
,, Coal	23	2	5
,, Fire Insurance	19	17	0
,, Ironmongery	4	7	11
,, Plants, Bulbs, &c for Garden	8	14	4
,, Petty Cash Payments by Librarian	37	12	2
,, Printing Annual Reports	9	10	0
,, Various Printing and Stationery...	20	8	6
,, Cleaning Windows	13	0	0
,, Property Tax and House Duty	1	4	2
,, Miscellaneous Expenses	7	15	8
,, Commission Charged by Bankers	1	19	9
,, Clothing for Porter	6	0	6
,, Winding and Regulating Clock	3	0	0
,, National Telephone Co., Annual Subscription	5	5	0
	£294	16	1

FREE LIBRARY

To Repairs and Alterations to Premises	136	0	11
,, Salaries and Wages	625	19	0
,, Library	364	6	8
,, Reading and News Rooms	106	13	11
,, Museum	105	12	11
,, Arboretum Branch	88	12	6
,, Establishment	292	17	6
,, Balance	223	10	10
	£1943	14	3

BALANCE

ASSETS.

To Treasurer	*223	10	10
	£223	10	10

* NOTE.—Books and Binding on Order £95
Museum Cases and Mounting £75

£170

ACCOUNT. **Cr.**

	£	s.	d.
By Derby Mechanics' Institute, Acknowledgment for Encroachment	0	1	0
,, Interest allowed by Bankers	1	17	7
,, Free Library Revenue Account	292	17	6
	£294	16	1

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

By Amount brought forward...	159	11	3
,, Quarterly Rates granted by the Derby Corporation ...	1784	3	0
	£1943	14	3

SHEET.

LIABILITIES.

By Free Library Revenue Account	223	10	10
	£223	10	10

W. CROWTHER, SECRETARY.

We have examined the several Accounts of the Derby Free Library and Museum for the year ending September 29th, 1898, and hereby certify that they are correct.—Dated this 14th day of October, 1898.

WATSON, SOWTER, & Co., A.C.A., *Auditors appointed by the Corporation.*

GEORGE FROST, }
JAMES HARWOOD, } *Auditors appointed by the Burgesses.*

ROBERT LAURIE, *Auditor appointed by the Mayor.*

Derby Corporation

ABSTRACT OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE

Dr.

WAGES

	£	s.	d.
To Wages to Attendant at Turnstile and Charwoman ...	85	14	0
,, Watson, Sowter, & Co., Auditors	3	3	0
	£88	17	0

REPAIRS AND

To Joiner's Work	2	1	2
	£2	1	2

COLLECTION AND CARRIAGE OF

To Collection and Carriage of Pictures, and obtaining Loans	185	12	1
,, Insurance on Loans (Special)	85	14	3
	£271	6	4

ESTABLISHMENT

To Fire Insurance	4	18	3
,, Gas	1	3	8
,, Electric Light and Meter Rent	30	2	3
,, Coal...	3	9	9
,, Ironmongery	3	5	9
,, Advertising	8	13	4
,, Printing, Stationery, and Posting	35	5	9
,, Printing Catalogues	38	19	10
,, Printing Programmes for Concerts	2	1	6
,, Petty Cash Payments by Curator	16	15	0
,, Interest and Commission charged by Bankers	9	5	5
,, Attendant's Clothing	5	16	6
,, Property Tax	2	15	6
	£162	12	6

Art Gallery.

YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 29, 1898.

ACCOUNT.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Art Gallery Account	88	17	0
	£88	17	0

ALTERATIONS ACCOUNT.

By Art Gallery Account	2	1	2
	£2	1	2

PICTURES AND LOANS ACCOUNT.

By Art Gallery Account	271	6	4
	£271	6	4

ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.			
By Advertisements in Catalogue	24	10	0			
„ Sale of Catalogues...	15	16	6			
				40	6	6
„ Art Gallery Account				122	6	0
				£162	12	6

Dr. **DERBY CORPORATION**

	£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward	320	13	3
	£320	13	3

ART GALLERY

To Wages	88	17	0
,, Repairs and Alterations	2	1	2
,, Collection, Carriage, and Insurance of Pictures ...	271	6	4
,, Establishment	122	6	0
	£484	10	6

BALANCE

ASSETS.

To Art Gallery Revenue Account	418	15	3
	£418	15	3

ACCOUNT. **Cr.**

	£	s.	d.
By Derby Corporation, Amount owing to Banker at 29th September, 1897	320	13	3
	£320	13	3

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Autumn Exhibition, 1897-8.						
Receipts at Turnstile	14	5	3			
Commission on Pictures sold... ...	12	10	6			
				26	15	9
,, Spring Exhibition, 1898.						
Receipts at Turnstile	19	8	4			
Commission on Pictures sold... ...	5	7	6			
				24	15	10
,, Summer Exhibition, 1898.						
Receipts at Turnstile	14	3	8			
				14	3	8
,, Balance (deficiency)				418	15	3
				£484	10	6

SHEET.

Liabilities.

By Treasurer	418	15	3
	£418	15	3

W. CROWTHER, Curator and Secretary.

We have examined the several Accounts of the Derby Art Gallery for the year ending 29th September, 1898, and hereby certify that they are correct.

Dated this 10th day of October, 1898.

WATSON, SOWTER, & Co., A.C.A., *Auditors appointed by the Corporation.*

GEORGE FROST,
JAMES HARWOOD, } *Auditors appointed by the Burgesses.*

ROBERT LAURIE, *Auditor appointed by the Mayor.*

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